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Marconi in bid to save Milan

Marconi and the Victorian Soccer Federation are trying hard this week to save the proposed tour by Italian league leader AC Milan.

The tour was put in jeopardy when the NSW Federation refused to play against the brilliant Italians.

All looked lost until "Soccer Action" contacted Marconi president Toni Labbozetta seeking help to salvage the tour.

Mr Labbozetta said Marconi was willing to play against Milan, even if the Federation was not.

Then began negotiations on the match fee and on creating a free weekend for the match.

So if the Milan tour comes off after all — and it is not yet certain — Italian soccer fans have Marconi and the Victorian Soccer Federation to thank for it.

Milan, the club of Gianni Rivera, agreed to tour for three matches for a total of \$150,000.

Negotiations with Milan were conducted by VSF chairman Michael Weinstein who is also vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation.

The VSF took the lion's share of responsibility, agreeing to pay \$50,000 towards the total cost. NSW was to contribute \$45,000 and South Australia \$25,000. Victoria was willing to underwrite the game in Adelaide.

When NSW "chickened out", Victoria faced the choice of paying the entire \$150,000 which would have been unthinkable, or asking Milan to come here for only

one match to which Milan would certainly not have agreed.

Weinstein spoke angrily against the NSW Federation for withdrawing its support for the tour. He argued quite rightly that Sydney had an Italian population big enough to make the Sydney game profitable.

More to the point, if NSW is not willing to gamble on a great club like Milan, it will never gamble on anything, meaning the Sydney public will continue to be served touring teams that are below top class.

Meanwhile, Aston Villa has cancelled its proposed tour of the Middle East and Australia because it would have taken too long.

By
LAURIE SCHWAB

• Former Socceroo Billy Vojtek made a brilliant start to his career as player-coach by leading Ajax to victory over Slavia in the Victorian Ampol Cup final. Vojtek (front, centre) is pictured with, from left: Ian McCarthy, Steve Carr, Peter Donaldson and Dave Perkin (both obscured), John Cain, Stan Klein, John Patten and an Ampol official.

Athens giant set to tour?

Heidelberg United has been negotiating secretly for an Australian tour by giant Greek club, AEK Athens.

After an Athens newspaper carried a story about the negotiations at the weekend, Heidelberg president Jim Mangopolous admitted that the tour was a strong possibility.

He said he had been talking with AEK president Loukas Barlos.

Originally, AEK asked for too much money, but finally a lower amount was agreed upon and further negotiations will determine when AEK would make its trip and how many games it would play here.

However, the experience of the past has shown it is very difficult to tie a Greek team down to a firm commitment. What is certain is that the tour would be a tremendous hit with Greek people in Australia.

Obviously the co-operation of the ASF and Philips League is essential for the tour to go ahead, as the PSL competition would have to be interrupted for at least one weekend.

AEK is in third position in the Greek championship after having beaten Panathinaikos 2-1 last weekend. Aris is first with 41 points and AEK is two points behind.

AEK features the great Papiouanous, the league's top scorer Mavros who has notched 20 goals so far, Yugoslav international Dusan Bejevic, striker Nikoloudis, Uruguayan international Viera, Greek international Ravousis who was here with the Greek national team in 1978, forward-midfielder Ardizoglou and the Cypriot Tosos who spent time with the Arsenal reserves in England.

Coach is Andreas Stamatiadis who replaced Ferenc Puskas recently.



Two goals in the all-Greek derby between Heidelberg and South Melbourne last Sunday. Above: Branio Buljevic (left) has Jack Reilly going the wrong way to put Heidelberg ahead 1-0. Top: Duncan Cummings (left) back-heels past Yalka Banovic for the equaliser at 2-2. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

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Vojtek's men take Cup, thanks to Lou Denys

AJAX 1 (5-3 on pens) SLAVIA 1

Scorers: Vojtek (A) 102nd, Paton (S) 108th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: 1100.
Weather: Cool.
Cautions: Perkins (A).
Referee: Mike Gout 9.
Ratings: 7-5.

GREEN GULLY AJAX:
Denys 9, Donaldson 6, Klarin 8, Cain 8, Paton 8, Vojtek 6, Vassallo 4, McCarthy 9, Segi 7, Carr 8, Perkins 6. Total: 75.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA:
McPherson 4, Thompson 8, Westley 7, Yzendoorn 9, Pye 6 injured (Whitely 80th min), Brindis 5 (Monaghan 103rd min), Train 7, Tuft 8, Williams 7, Aldridge 8, Paton 8. Total: 77.

It would come as no surprise at all if Green Gully Ajax supporters called for goalkeeper Lou Denys to receive a knighthood.

It was Denys, the man who said he had 'lost his confidence' a month ago, who won the 1979 Ampol Cup for Ajax.

Forget about all the pre-match planning, the near misses and the action during 110 minutes of play. When it all boils down, it was Denys' brilliant save from Brian Monaghan during the penalty showdown which won the cup for Green Gully.

Denys dived low to his left to stop Monaghan's spot kick, then hurriedly grabbed the loose ball before it rolled over the goal line.

Ajax striker David Perkin then converted the vital spot kick which clinched a victory on penalties by a 5-3 margin. Alex McPherson saved his first shot, but was judged to have moved. Perkin made no mistake the second time.

Apart from his inspired performance in the showdown, Denys was a hero with some of the saves he made during the game.

The story of the Ampol Cup final is more complex when all is revealed.

For most of the encounter, the teams were wrestling rather than assaulting one another. The defensive strategies, of both coaches were successful, meaning key players were blunted and the game was a tight affair.

Ajax player-coach Bill Vojtek did a major re-organisation in his backline.

Speedy full back John Paton was assigned the job of marking Slavia and state forward Jamie Paton, and centre back Mick Klarin given the task of shadowing centre forward Steve Aldridge.

Right back Peter Donaldson had to block winger Jim Williams.

The reshuffle meant Ajax didn't have a left back. Slavia doesn't play with an orthodox right winger, but midfielder Jim Train often bursts through down that flank.

To counter this, Vojtek had John Cain as the loose man in defence and instructed midfielder Ian McCarthy to play a defensive role on the left.

Slavia coach Harry Chalkitis' main play was to put midfielder Brian Tuft onto Vojtek. Centre back Glenn Westley, marked striker Steve Carr and right back Frank Thompson held a tight reign on Perkin.

At the end of the night, Brian Tuft emerged as the best 'policeman'.

Tuft put Vojtek completely out of business after the opening 15 minutes, when Vojtek made a few runs from the midfield and twice sent good passes to striker Andy Segi.

Tuft stuck to Vojtek like glue and cut the number of times he was in position to receive the ball. Credit to Tuft for the way he didn't lose his opponent, who is much faster and more mobile.

However, Vojtek escaped long enough to fire home a vital goal in the second half of extra time. The Ajax player-coach latched onto a defensive clearance in the Slavia area and blasted the ball past goalkeeper Alex McPherson.

But Tuft shouldn't be blamed for Vojtek scoring, as it was the poor clearance that gave Vojtek the opportunity.

The duels between Paton and Klarin and Aldridge finished all square. The Slavia strikers weren't given the space or time to create havoc as they did against Croydon City in the semi-finals.

The defenders did their jobs well in this respect, but still Aldridge and Paton created several good chances for goals, only to be thwarted by Denys or, as on two occasions, the woodwork.

Jim Williams won his battle with Donaldson but it had no great bearing on the game. Donaldson wasn't 'skinned', but Williams did get away a few times.

However, Williams sent over a few telling crosses, and on most occasions beat Donaldson too far up the field to immediately threaten the Ajax goal.

Credit for this must go to the other Ajax players on the right side who pressured Williams if he looked dangerous. Frank Thompson over-

By KYLE PATTERSON

shadowed Perkin, which forced the striker to switch flanks with Andy Segi. However, Perkin had a serviceable game.

Steve Carr must be awarded the points for his 'fight' with Westley. In the air Westley had Carr covered but wasn't mobile enough to handle the Ajax forward on the ground.

But the man-of-the-match was Ian McCarthy. He was unbeatable as a defensive player and creative as an attacker. All night, McCarthy hit diagonal balls to players in space, was there to back up other midfielders in trouble, opened up play with deft flicks and had the gritty determination to win the hard ball.

He deserves two Ampol Cup winner's medals for his contribution.

With Lou Denys, McCarthy is the man whose ability and guts sent the Ampol Cup to St Albans for the first time.

At the other end of the scale, Willie Vassallo did very little. He has struggled throughout the Ampol Cup series and his future must be in the balance.

Slavia had John Yzendoorn as its best player. He gave the defence solidarity, as well as creativeness.

Thompson was a tight, resolute defender, and Jim Train had a good game in the middle of the park, and later a full back when Dave Pye went off injured.

Paton and Aldridge were dangerous and with more luck could have been match-winners.

However, Alex McPherson had a poor game in goals. His anticipation for high balls were shocking, and he had several Slavia players with their hearts in their mouths when he went up for a cross.

He spilled several, which could have cost goals, then made an embarrassing blunder in the eight minute of extra time when he threw a clearance straight to Carr, who was on the edge of the penalty area. Luckily for Slavia, Carr shot hastily and wide of the post.

But McPherson did make two good saves late in the game to restore his credibility slightly.

By my reckoning each team had five great goalscoring chances, apart from the extra time goals which they scored.

Slavia's came in the second stage of the game, while Ajax had several in the first half. This is a good indication of the balance of the game. Ajax started well, but

Slavia came back to finish strong-

er. Of course, in the extra time period, it was hell-for-leather as both teams gave their all. It was only in added time that the game developed a quick tempo.

Slavia's best chances came in the 50th minute Paton heads against the bar and Westley pushes the ball towards the open goal. Only to see Denys (a save), the 79th minute (Aldridge cuts in behind the Ajax defence, only to find Denys save twice from close range) and the 97th minute (Aldridge's shot hits the post after a ball from Paton).

Ajax had excellent chances in the 33rd minute (Segi rushes a shot wide of goal after a flick by Carr), the 35th minute (Segi misses an open goal after Yzendoorn was robbed with (McPherson stranded. Perkin, who was shaping to finish off the goal, was furious with Segi) and in the 58th minute (full back Dave Pye heads off the line after Carr had chipped over McPherson).

Vojtek's goal looked to be the match winner but Paton's equaliser two minutes from the end gave Slavia a second chance.

A mis-kick in the Ajax defence started the trouble. Paton missed his clearance, and with Cain out of position, Paton was through. The lethal goalgetter rained the ball past Denys.

The penalty showdown went like this:

1-0 Vojtek (A)
1-1 Paton (S)
2-1 McCarthy (A)
2-2 Williams (S)
3-2 Carr (A)
3-3 Train (S)
4-3 Segi (A)
4-4 Monaghan (S)
5-3 Perkin (A)

The crowd for the final was disappointing and the Victorian Soccer Federation will be hoping next season's final will be between two well supported clubs.

Last year over 7000 people saw an exciting game between Preston Makedonia and Essendon Croatia. A 2-2 draw, followed by penalties which saw Croatia take the Cup were enough to keep the fans happy.

But when about 1000 fans dwarfed by large stands, the atmosphere doesn't do justice to a cup final. — KYLE PATTERSON.

Kids' Cup to Nunawading

Nunawading City won the Victorian Junior Ampol Cup for under 13s on Saturday night by beating Moreland 3-0.

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Ajax, 1979 Ampol Cup winners, as seen through the camera of SAM BELFONTE. From top, left to right: player-coach Billy Vojtek with the Cup, John Paton, Slavia goalkeeper Alex McPherson, Andy Segi collides with the goalkeeper, Nigel Daniels, Dave Perkin, John Cain tackling Jim Williams, Ajax president Guy Spiteri and Ian McCarthy has a drink.

Stars for Doveton opening

A select XI from Dandenong City, Doveton and Springvale City (Vic.) will take on Croydon in a game to mark the opening of Doveton's new ground at Waratah Reserve.

The new pitch at Waratah Reserve will be fully enclosed and has been developed at a cost of \$30,000.

Doveton coach Danny McMinimee will select the representative team to challenge Croydon in the game on Sunday, April 1.

Five players from each club will vie for a position in the team.

The select team may include Tommy Fox, Bill Buchanan, John Pryde (Dandenong City), Lou Ivanoff, Gordon Bentley (Doveton), Chris Lawler and Dixie Deans (Springvale).

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Paton: I want to join Cole and Buljevic

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Victoria has its own Dixie Deans in deadly Jamie Paton, and if the Slavia star has his way he'll get his chance to outdo Deans in the Philips League.

Paton has been submitting transfer requests with the same regularity that he scores goals. Slavia has turned down three that I know of, but Paton continues plugging away, just as he does on the field.

He's determined to play in the Philips League, and the club he wants to join is Heidelberg-Alexander. No, the club hasn't approached him. No, he hasn't approached the club either.

"But some of the Heidelberg lads — Gary Cole, Jim Tansley, Yakka Banovic — are in the State team with me and we understand each other's play."

"I wish Heidelberg would make an approach for me. I want to play in the Philips League because that's where my future is, but I also want to stay in Melbourne."

Paton, 23, attributes most of his success as a striker to the Victorian State coach Len McKendry. "He's by far the best coach I have worked under," Paton said this week.

"He's similar in his approach to Dave McParland, who coached me for a while in Scotland and who later coached at Celtic. He and Len McKendry were on the same English FA coaching course."

McKendry helped conduct many of Slavia's training sessions last season, using the sessions as work towards the Preliminary Coaching Badge. Only a few of the players gained the Badge. Paton was among those who didn't.

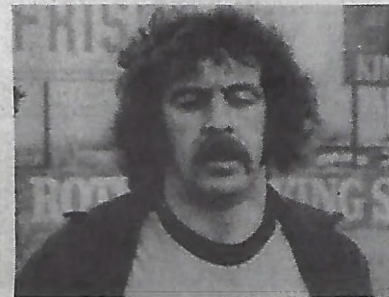
Paton continued his association with McKendry in the State squad that was assembled for a match against Wisla Krakow of Poland, and for later matches against AC Milan, and any other teams that may tour.

Predictably, Paton and his Slavia team mate John Yzendoorn who played sweeper, were the stars of Victoria in its 0-1 loss to Wisla.

"McKendry's got a lot to do with my success," Paton says. "He's the one who told me to play on the feet in the 'opposing team,' and to come off the last man. Also, everything in the State team and in the Slavia team, is played to my feet, so I can turn quickly or lay the ball back. I also follow in every shot at goal. This should be the natural reaction of



Victorian State coach Len McKendry.



Dixie Deans of Adelaide City

every striker, but unfortunately it often isn't. It's such a simple thing that coaches probably don't mention it to their players."

Jamie Paton isn't tall, but his scoring instinct is second to none. He arrived in Melbourne in late February, 1978 and went on to become top scorer in the Victorian State League that season, notching 17 goals in the league, four in the Ampol Cup and one in the Philips Cup.

In the 1979 Ampol Cup, he scored seven before Saturday night's final, and he also scored one in the first main round of the Dockerty Cup two weeks ago.

Recently he scored three hat-tricks in four matches — two Ampol Cup games and a State team practice match against the Victorian under 19s.

Paton played for Queen's Park in the Scottish Second Division for five years, four and half of them in the first team, with which he had about 200 games.

In his best scoring season at Queen's Park he notched 17 goals, the same number

as he scored in his first Australian year. His total for Queen's Park was about 40 goals.

"One season they used me in every position except centre half and goalkeeper, and in the 17-goal season, they played me on the right wing," he says. "I'd played only two or three games at centre forward before I joined Slavia. I'd always wanted to play there, but the people at Queen's Park wanted a taller player in that position."

"I was in midfield in the season before I came out here."

Being a staunch Rangers fan, Paton rates a match he played against the giant Glasgow club as the highlight of his career so far. It was in the semi-finals of the Glasgow Cup, and Paton, playing in midfield, was voted by the other players as the man of the match. The competition is yearly one, played between the five Glasgow clubs — Rangers, Celtic, Patrick, Queen's Park and Clyde.

Another memorable season in Scotland was 1975 when Queen's Park missed out on promotion to First Division by only one point.



Steve Aldridge (left) skips past Duncan Smith of Croydon City. Aldridge partners Paton in the Slavia attack.

Asked to name the most difficult opponents he has had both here and in Scotland, Paton names Alex McDonald, of Rangers "he never stops running" so he's very hard to pick up, and Steve Kokska of Essendon-Croftie ("he never gives you an inch").

Paton is classed as a temporary resident of Australia but he will apply to stay here for good. He realises his current status will make it difficult for him to break into the national squad but adds "I'd like to think that I've got a chance."

He is certainly up to the class, as he showed against Wisla when he was unlucky not to score at least two goals. "That game was a bit faster to what I'd been used to but there were many times that I had yards of space, due to the coaching we'd been given on how to make space and where certain players should be at given times. After the game many people were saying it was the best State team they had seen for many years — probably because it was the first time that the team had been properly coached."

Paton says he is lucky to be playing alongside such talented men as Steve Aldridge and Jim Williams, his fellow forwards at Slavia. Of Aldridge, who played in England for Rotherham, Paton says:

"He's a big, strong lad with tremendous ball skill, and great ability to turn people." About Williams, the former South Liverpool winger, Paton says: "He's simply fantastic. He turns people inside out in every game."

Paton also has great admiration for Slavia's classy sweeper, John Yzendoorn.

"He pulls the strings at the back, telling people when and when not to tackle. Like me, he has ambitions of playing in the Philips League."

"I have no grievances against Slavia," Paton stresses. "They've been very good to me and I've enjoyed my time there but I want to better myself in football."

"If I don't get a move, I'll have to think about going elsewhere. I know I could get fixed up with a good club back in Scotland, or I could go to America, but really, I'd prefer to stay here in Melbourne."

Paton's contract with Slavia expires on December 1 this year. He is duty-bound to stay with the club until then, except if Heidelberg or some other club makes Slavia an offer that's too good to refuse.

Jamie Paton would be an excellent investment, for he would repay his transfer fee in goals.

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Prahran Slavia's goalscoring ace Jamie Paton

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MARCONI: Maher 7, Berry 7, Prskalo 8, Lindsay 7, Degney 8, Mariani 7, Henderson 7, Byrne 7, Krncevic 7, Jankovics 8, Shame 8.

Olympic 2 West Adelaide 0. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Cotton 7, Bell 8, Wilson 7, Ainslie 8, Raskopoulos 8, Cross 7, Jamieson 7, Laing 9, Eaton 7, McIntosh 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Reynolds 6, McGachey 7, Jones 6, Bozanic 6, McCulloch (Honeyman 29' - 6), Boyle 8, McGregor 6, Norris 6, Pillans 6, (Tymczynski, 6-52') Zervas 7.

Canberra 0 Footscray 3. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 7, Moulis 6, Fielding 6, Salgado 6, Arquero 6 (Kawalewa, 70th minute), Farrell 7, Stark 7, Brown 6, Cant 7, Byrne 7, Bailey 6 (Grujicic, 45th minute, 6).

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 6, Ilioski 7, Lujic 7, Jovicic 6, Kondaric 7, Picioane 7, Jovanovic 6, Ristic 7, Palinkas 8, Ollerton 6, Ristovski 7.

Newcastle v Brisbane City, ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 6, Willis 7, Drinkwater 7, Summerscales 7, Curran 6, McClelland 8, I. Seddon 9, Cowburn 7 (Sneddon 87th), Heys 8, Harris 6 (Tredinnick 87th), Boden 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 6, Rathmell 6, Perry 7, Ratcliffe 7, Echeverria 6, Gaffney 6 (Brusasco 62nd), Pimblett 7, Potter 7, Kelso 6, Low 7, Caldwell 6.

Brisbane Lions 2 St George 3, ratings by Bruce Waddell:

LIONS: Lownds 6, Lawrie 6, Bennett 7, Hermiston 6, Niven 7, Spearritt 6, Amos 6, Ogden 6 (Laszlo 67th min), Hughes 6, Wallace 6 (Brennan 57th min), Ontong 6.

ST GEORGE: Coe 7, Harris 6 (Hensman 48th min), 6, Della Picca 7, Grose 7, R. O'Shea 7, Terry 7, Gnani 7, J. O'Shea 8, Matic 7, Morgan 6, O'Connor 7.

Adelaide City 0 APIA 1, ratings by Mano Toutsidis:
APIA: Woodhouse 8, Richards 7, Turnbull 7, Carruthers 8, Wilson 7, Rowden 7, Drowns 6, Butler 7, Reed 6, O'Donnell 6 (Samuels), Vernon 6 (Scott).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 7, Perin 7, Muir 8, B. Nyskohus 6, Melta 6 (Marve), Dodds 7, (Marocchi), Northcote 6, Deans 8, J. Nyskohus 7, Kent 7.

Heidelberg 2 South Melbourne 2, ratings by Laurie Schwab:

STH MELB: Reilly 6 — Kalifatidis 7, Baxter 7, (injured, sub Kyriakoulas 8, 55th), Munro 5, Turner 6 — Lutton 5, Wright 5 (Davidson 8, half time), Cummings 6 — Drakeford 7, Evans 7, Campbell 6.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 5 — McMillan 6, O'Reilly 6, Provan 5, Tansey 6 — Rooney 8, Taylor 7, Campbell 7 — Bozicak 5 (Selemidis 65th), Cole 6, Buljevic 8.

Leading averages:

8.0 Deans (AC) Woodhouse, Carruthers (APIA), Seddon, Heys (Newc), Jankovics (Marc), Kyriakoulas, Davidson (Sth Melb), Clarke, Bruce (SC), Crook (WA).

7.6 Palinkas (Foot), Rooney (H'berg), Prskalo (Marc), Meier, Ainslie, Raskopoulos, Laing (SC).

7.5 Davies (Can), Taylor (H'berg), Zervas, Boyle (WA).

7.3 Muir (AC), Potter, Perry, (BC), Hermiston, Spearritt (BL), Stark, Cant, Byrne (Can), Jovicic, Jovanovic, Lujic, Ristic (Foot), McMillan (H'berg), Curran, Summerscales, McClelland, Boden (Newc), Della Picca (St. G), Baxter, Evans (SM), Souness (SC).

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\$25,000 Kosmina to face Heidelberg?

Striker John Kosmina may make his return to Australian soccer against Heidelberg United at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide on Sunday.

Kosmina was due to return from England yesterday (Tuesday) to join West Adelaide, the club he played for in 1977.

He has spent the past year in England with Arsenal but after having played only a handful of senior matches with the Gunners, he decided his future lies in Australia.

West Adelaide has paid Arsenal a transfer fee of about \$25,000, a record for an Australian player. He joined Arsenal for about the same price.

West Adelaide coach Tom Forde said: "Arsenal manager Terry Neill started out at \$100,000 when I talked to him in London in December but they eventually came down because Terry was happy to see Kosmina come back here."

Kosmina is fit because he has been training hard with Arsenal and if he plays on Sunday, Heidelberg will be hard-pressed to retain its unbeaten record.

League leader Newcastle KB United, the only other unbeaten PSL team, meets Improving APIA

at Wentworth Park and looks good enough to hold league leadership.

Sydney City will be without right back Kevin Mullen and midfielder Ian Souness for its match with traditional rival St. George at St. George Stadium.

Both were sent off the field in Sydney City's disastrous 0-4 loss to Marconi last weekend and are thus suspended.

Doug Utjesenovic has had two weeks off to rest his injury, and may be fit enough to resume his place in the St. George team.

Saints found form by coming from behind to beat Brisbane Lions in Brisbane and are now poised to climb further up the ladder. However, Sydney City has strong men in reserve so it should be a close match.

Canberra, which lost league leadership by crashing 0-3 to Footscray, may slide even further when it meets South Melbourne at Middle Park. Souths are sure to leave Alan Davidson in midfield after his sound display last week, and George Christopoulos may also return after a week off due to illness.

It will be interesting to see whether promising young player Kiri Kyriakouless remains in defence in the absence of injured Stuart Baxter, after Kyriakouless' great play as a substitute against Heidelberg.

Footscray J.U.S.T., whose brilliant play bewildered Canberra in the second half last Sunday, should climb further up the table by beating Brisbane Lions at Olympic Park No. 2 oval on Sunday.

Lions does not appear to have the same class as Footscray, which has match-winners all over the field — Joe Picoane, Jim Ristovski, Joe Palinkas, Zdravko Lufic, Radoslav Jovicic, Jim Kondarinos, and of course, Peter Ollerton, who is champing at the bit, determined

to score his first goal for his new club.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug has put me straight on the Roberto Vieri situation.

I wrongly wrote last week that Vieri was replaced against Brisbane Lions because he was considered to be unfit. The real reason for his replacement is that he had suffered a thigh injury. Earlier in the season Vieri had had a hamstring injury.

Scheinflug said: "Vieri and I have the best possible understanding and I am looking forward to him returning to the team."

Meanwhile, Marconi continues its negotiation for Italian Third Division midfielder Cantelli, 28,

from Crotona. Club president Tony Labozzetta says he has had excellent reports about Cantelli.

It should be a memorable match when Marconi meets Adelaide City at Marconi Oval on Sunday. Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic coached Marconi last year and Marconi coach Les Scheinflug was the 1978 coach of Adelaide City.

Sydney Olympic, which is poised to take over league leadership if Newcastle falters, should maintain its winning form against Brisbane City. Derek Laing and Peter Raskopoulos have been in fine form for Olympic and Dava McIntosh and Clive Eaton are two of the most lethal strikers in the league. LAURIE SCHWAB.

Weekend Philips League matches:

IN MELBOURNE
Footscray v Brisbane Lions, Olympic Park No 2, Sunday 3 pm
St Melbourne v Canberra, middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
Marconi v Adelaide City, Marconi Oval, Sunday 3 pm.
APIA v Newcastle, Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm
St George v Sydney City, St George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide v Heidelberg Utd, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v Sydney Olympic, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.

Strongman on bed of nails

"Soccer Spectacular", the programme which didn't come off fully during the opening for St George at Barton Park, will be repeated for the game St George v Sydney City.

Among other "spectaculars", the spectators will be able to see the match between two of the best NSW "ladies" sides. The match between the Probables and the Possibles will be the feature attraction and will be slotted in the programme as the main introduction to the Philips League game.

Other attractions on the programme will come from Paul Graham (the muscle man), who will lie on a bed of nails while motor cycles roll over him (!).

Sutherland Police Boys Military Band, St George Drum Majorettes and Clowns giving away free tickets will complete the list of special attractions for the game between Sydney City and St George at the beautiful St George Stadium at Barton Park.

According to Alan Barton of St George "Soccer Spectacular" will be a regular feature at Barton Park as an introduction to all St George home matches. — ALEX VESIC.



Trip or accident? Jim Campbell goes flying over the leg of South Melbourne's Kiri Kyriakouless. At left is Duncan Cummings.



Goal! Triumphant Branko Buljenc after scoring Heidelberg's first.

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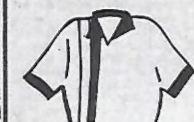
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HEIDELBERG 2 STH MELB 2

Scorers: H'berg: Buljevic 36th, Taylor 70th, Sth Melb: Drakeford 62nd, Cummings 79th.

Ground: Olympic Park greyhound track. Condition: Bumpy.

Weather: Warm. Crowd: About 12,000.

Referee: Bazilevich 6.

Cautions: Baxter, Lutton, Evans (SM), Cole, Taylor (H'berg).

When Alan Davidson came on at half time to replace Sammy Wright in South Melbourne's midfield he knew it was his big chance, and he certainly made the most of it.

Davidson, 19, the young international who switched from Atlanta City for only \$1000, transformed the South Melbourne midfield and added hustle, bustle and urgency to South play.

Davidson tackled, covered, played one-two and sent a glorious cross to Bertie Lutton who just failed to connect properly with his head.

It will be to South Melbourne's detriment if he does not become a permanent member of the first team.

Another young player who starred in this match is defender Kiri Kyriakoules who came on in the second half to replace Stuart Baxter whose cheek-bone was cracked in a clash with Bob Evans.

I thought an experienced man like Mike Pye would have come in and that Chris Kalafatis would have gone to centre back.

But Kyriakoules, who usually plays in South's 'Scor' Division team, played not like a substitute, but like a seasoned campaigner. He could have given the ball to Frank Munro for the forward passes, but no, he delivered them with accuracy and imagination.

This was a match that Heidelberg threw away. It led 1-0 at half time with a goal by Branco Buljevic and was playing much better than South Melbourne, but then lost concentration in defence.

However, Souths also deserve credit for the way they fought back and the way Ken Drakeford and Duncan Cummings scored their goals — especially Cummings, who got his with a deft back-header.

The Greek derby was played, appropriately enough, on Greek National Day. State Opposition leader Frank Wilkie was guest of honor and pigeons were released before the match.

But the spirit of brotherhood did not extend into the match which was only two minutes old when Gary Cole and Stuart Baxter confronted each other.

They were both sent off on the yellow card by referee Tony Bazilevich.

South Melbourne made a mistake in not marking Branco Buljevic and Gary Cole man for man.

But it was Buljevic who scored one of Heidelberg's goals and had a hand in the second. No-one on the field threatened as much danger as he did.

Violence threatened again as Arthur McMillan and George Campbell clashed. South Melbourne players had to restrain Campbell.

Then Bertie Lutton was shown the yellow card for a foul on McMillan.

Heidelberg took the lead in the 36th minute. Ken Taylor opened the ball out to the right where Cole took it on a run before squaring it in response to a call from Buljevic who flicked it into the net with the outside of his left foot, as goalkeeper Jack Reilly dived the wrong way.

Jim Campbell should have made it 2-0 when a long ball out of defence dropped to his feet and enabled him to run through the Souths rearward. However, Reilly came towards Campbell and blocked his shot.

A cross by Ken Drakeford caused all kinds of trouble in the Heidelberg defence but goalkeeper Valda Bonovic finally managed to hold the ball at his third attempt. There seemed to be a lack of communication between Panovic and the defence throughout the match.

In the 82nd minute Chris Kalafatis who had done a lot of attacking down the right flank, sent a pass to Drakeford in the penalty area and Drakeford shot it home past groping Bonovic just inside the far post.

But Heidelberg went back into the lead eight minutes later. Jimmy Rooney played the ball to Buljevic who started running down the left. Taylor came from behind and went wide of Buljevic, calling for the ball, which Buljevic gave him. Taylor ran towards the near post and angled the ball past Reilly just inside the far post.

The equalising goal came in the 79th minute. Again it was a run by Kalafatis that out the ball

SYD. OLYMPIC 2 WEST ADEL. 0

Scorers: Eaton 36th, McIntosh 50th.

Ground: St George Stadium, Sydney.

Crowd: 2731.

Weather: fine.

Cautions: None.

Referee: Peter Rampley 6.

Sydney Olympic proved it is a much under-rated team when it played some champagne football to down PSL champion West Adelaide.

It is indeed a rarity in Sydney, or for that matter in Australia to go to a "football show", and feel sorry for all those that stayed at home on the windy but sunny afternoon.

With the exception of a fractional chance that fell to David Jones in the 36th minute, West Adelaide defended bravely for almost the entire first half, despite the advantage of a very strong wind behind its back.

It was the corner kick that led to a fractional chance for the visitors. Dave Pillars rose above Richie Bell to head the ball towards David Jones, but the backheader by Jones went inches over the bar.

Spraying the ball about the park like a well drilled European team, Olympic soon got into top gear. Derek Laing was creating chaos on the right flank and the unfortunate Vick Bozanic had some torrid times trying to stop him.

In the 11th minute, Laing beat Bozanic before pushing the ball to Raskopoulos. The young Soccer coach, who had replaced Chris Eaton to head for goal, but Martin Crook showing all the guile that made him one of the best keepers in the country, flew to his left to stop the ball.

Minutes later Laing was flying down the right flank once again. He beat Bozanic, then crossed to an unmarked Dave McIntosh.

Bachmayer muffed it with only metres away, giving Crook an easy save.

But the goal had to come. In the 31st minute Olympic scored after a great move. Raskopoulos was at the end of a move to fire a short shot past Crook, but alas, the flag was up and referee had no hesitation in awarding West Adelaide the free kick.

Five minutes later Olympic scored again. This time the goal was allowed. Alan Ainslie enjoying his new lease of life with Olympic, combined well with Raskopoulos before crossing to the post for Clive Eaton to dive low then head past the keeper.

Only two minutes later, Ainslie scored the best goal of the game. Some 35 metres away, Ainslie unleashed one of his famous thunderbolts that rocketed into the net of the net wick Crook desperately trying to reach the ball.

Once again, the flag of Gary King, the linesman, was up and the referee pointed to the spot some 16 metres from goal.

What a force! With all due respect to the referee, and his explanation after the game that Dave McIntosh was offside it was sacrilege to disallow such a beautiful goal. After all, Mr Rampley would have asked the goal-keeper if there was an interference and he would have quickly found out that the only interference came from Ainslie and his power shooting!

McIntosh, at 16 metres from goal, was nowhere near the line of that shot.

We are all allowed a mistake, and luckily, this particular one didn't make much difference in the end.

Soon after the restart Graham Morris was metres offside, but strangely enough Mr King kept his flag down. However the referee was on the spot to overrule the linesman!

Olympic continued in bright fashion in the second half and was soon on top again.

Raskopoulos scored around Neil McGeehey in the 48th minute then fired a great shot that just missed, with Crook beaten. Two minutes later, Olympic scored again. Paul Cotton crossed to the near post, and McIntosh was faster than Jones to dive and head past the Adelaide keeper.

Joe Marston, the coach of Olympic, was happy. "We could have had the 'three pointer', but I'll be very

SYDNEY C. 0 MARCONI 4

Scorers: Krncevic 16th, 89th, Jankovics 74th, 86th.

Ground: Wentworth Park, Sydney.

Crowd: 2844.

Weather: Sunny and windy.

Cautions: Berry, Degney (M), Mullen, Souness (SC).

Sent off: Mullen, Souness (SC).

Referee: Tony Boskovic. Abandon ship, or batten down the hatches? These are the choices facing the ambitious Sydney City as it reels from two successive shock home defeats.

Coach Gerry Chaldi appealed for calm, compassion and encouragement after the traumatic 4-0 defeat against Marconi last Sunday.

"I appeal to players, officials and fans to pull together at this time," he said. "We enjoyed the good times together, now let's weather the hard ones, too."

And hard times it was at Wentworth Park.

Following the 3-2 loss against Adelaide City the week before, half-ravaged Sydney City foundered a 2-0 half-time lead — City's camp was ready for just about anything, except the drama of the 90 minutes against Marconi.

Four yellow cards, two players sent off, and the first "bonus point" of the season to a Marconi, which hasn't won a match prior to this one.

In all this action it was hard to single out a star — but it may have to be referee Tony Boskovic.

There's no doubt about it, the diminutive FIFA referee has a knack for being the centre of attention every now and again.

This time Sydney City felt his wrath and their players and officials were extremely early after it after the match.

For the record, Kevin Mullen, having one of his better games at right-half back, got cautioned for a foul in the 24th minute and got his marching orders 18 minutes later for swearing.

Bachmayer was the offence which earned Len Souness a yellow card in the 36th minute and his fate caught up with him in the 66th.

Souness faced Marconi's speedy Peter Sharpe in a one-on-one situation, and in desperation, dragged the winger down onto the turf when unable to keep pace with him.

Chaldi, calm then the others connected with City, claimed after the game that the punishment meted out to Souness was out of proportion to the actual offence.

As for Marconi boss Les Schaefer, under considerable pressure after two losses, he was sympathetic to Chaldi's plight.

"When they had their second man sent off it was all made very easy for us, but it's all part of the game, and I am happy for the boys and their effort," he said.

Marconi started off the match like the proverbial house on fire, with Paul Degney creating all sorts of panic in the fourth minute, when he zoomed down the left wing and left the City defence floundering with a ball cut back neatly from the corner flag.

Sharpe was all alone a scant eight metres out, but somehow managed to shoot wide.

At this stage City looked the more cultured and composed of the two teams, but their strikers were totally ineffectual in front of goal.

Fortune finally smiled on Marconi in the 16th minute, when Eddie Krncevic, the Italian club's expensive young golden boy, managed to wiggle his way past Mark Tranter into the open spaces beyond and scramble his shot via Todd Clarke's fingertips — into the back of the City net.

Jankovics managed to avoid all attempts at stopping him by defence which was in tatters in the 74th and 86 minutes.

In full flight now, seeking an invaluable extra point, which goes to teams winning by a four-goal margin or more, Marconi sealed his triumph with Krncevic's second goal in the 89th minute.

As Marconi's squad savoured a sweet triumph, it was time for referee Tony Boskovic to return to the field.

They will have to face a revived St George this Sunday without Mullen or Souness — both facing automatic suspension.

On the credit side skipper Eddie Theodorou will return after missing the match with an injured calf muscle sustained against Melita Eagles in the midweek Amool Cup final.

ST GEORGE 3 LIONS 2

Scorers: Lions — Hughes 7th, Amos 31st, pen. 89th.

Ground: Perry Park, Brisbane.

Crowd: 1520.

Weather: fine.

ST. George broke through for its first win in the PSL this season by coming back from a hopeless position to beat Brisbane Lions 3-2 at Perry Park.

The first half performance from St. George made it easy to understand why it had lost its opening two matches, but it was a transformed team which finished with a paralyzing burst after half-time.

Just as St. George lifted itself, the second half effort from Lions was woeful. The team seemingly could not handle the situation of being a commanding two goals up at the break.

Lions could not have wished for a better start, scoring first after seven minutes and adding a second in the 31st minute, with coach Eddie Speeritt both times playing a major role.

But Wallace noticed it forward amongst some hesitant St. George defence and Alan Hughes pounced to easily beat Martin Coe.

St. George strung together few worthwhile movements in the first half, with only Phil O'Connor displaying any skill on the left wing and their only reasonable chance was a shot which centre half Rudolfo Della Valle shoved over the bar close in.

Speeritt again motivated the Lions attack for the second goal, splitting the backline with the half-time line for Paul O'Connor, who raced away, cut in and squared, Steve Amos side-footed home.

St. George waited until just near half-time for another glimpse of hope when O'Connor followed through in search of a long clearance from Coe, but stroked his shot wide.

St. George coach Joe Gelsi made the move which counted at half time when he took off Terry St. Stephen Matic away down the left.

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kipper and rightback George Harris, and replaced him with Peter Windsor.

Any thoughts Lions had of being the first side to snatch an extra point for a four-goal margin disappeared 10 minutes after half-time, when leftback Terry St. Stephen Matic away down the left.

He walked through a couple of weak Lions tackles and passed back to John O'Shea, who looked up to see Nigel Lownds off his line. He stylishly found the roof of the net with a chip shot.

O'Connor began to cause further problems on the left wing when he was replaced by centre forward Tony Brennan, who Lions only signed from State League club Southside Eagles a few days earlier.

St. George threatened to make further inroads when John O'Shea hammered a free kick from Neville Morgan through the Lions wall, but Lownds dived well to make a great save.

Some more lumbering at the back cost Lions their lead in the 76th minute when John O'Shea added his second goal, after first Morgan, then Matic played significant roles.

Della Valle, Brendan Goose and Robert O'Shea succeeded in cementing their combination at the back and Lions, impeded by a string of offside breaches, found the match slipping further away.

The winning St. George goal came in the 89th minute when Matic, although another St. George player was in an offside position, ran straight through the Lions defence to be halted by a last-ditch dive by Lownds.

The ball rebounded to the ever present John O'Shea, who struck his shot firmly at the unguarded Lions goal, where Speeritt was forced to dive and punch the ball just clear of the bar.

O'Connor took the resultant penalty and although Lownds went the right way and got a

NEWCASTLE 4 BRIS. CITY

Scorers: Newcastle — Curran 10th, Summercales 37th, Boden 49th, Heys 67th.

City — Low 7th.

Ground: International Sports Centre.

Crowd: 9037.

Weather: Windy.

Cautions: Pimblett, Rathmell, Caldwell (BC).

Referee: Tim Davies 8.

Newcastle KB United created history when it defeated Brisbane City 4-1 in front of a great crowd of 9000. The victory puts Newcastle on top of the Phillips League Ladder for the first time.

The crowd was treated to probably the best five goals that one could ever wish to see in one game.

The league leaders at the start of the game, Brisbane City initiated the proceedings after 11 minutes. Playing with the advantage of a strong southerly wind, Low unleashed a thirty metre drive that completely deceived Phil Dando in the Newcastle goal.

A reversal like this would probably have put paid to any chance Newcastle United had of salvaging anything out of the game in 1978.

But not this team, which has more experienced, more class and above all more character than the team United finished in 1978.

Once again it was the maestro Col Curran that started the revival when in the 15th minute he beat Rathmell and unleashed a 40 metre diagonal swinging shot that left Kim Wishart stranded.

Newcastle United was unexpectedly on level terms. From there on they started to put their game together. Malcolm McClelland the Australian under 19 representative showed his experience and ability in the defensive blunder.

The first occurred after just 10 minutes of the second stanza.

Canberra full back John Brown dallied and Joe Piccione caught him in possession with a neatly timed sliding tackle. The ball ran loose, Piccione chased and beat the advancing Hoszowski to the ball by a split second. Piccione took his chance well by slotting the ball under the keeper's body and into the net.

Canberra was coming back into the game when the second blunder gave Footscray the game on a plate.

Close-season signing Paul Findling tried to bypass to Roy Stark but the ball went anywhere but near a Canberra City defender.

Palinkas snapped up the gift and as Hoszowski came out — as he had to to narrow the angle — he fired the ball into the right hand top corner.

Even at this early stage of the second half, it was all over, bar the shouting.

Footscray never allowed Canberra to dominate play. Canberra had their chances but always needed too much time once near goal.

Canberra still have the problem of no established striker. On Sunday striker George Bailey was replaced in the second half by Ivan Grulovic and still has yet to find the net.

Footscray's defence was brilliantly co-ordinated and cohesive.

For them it was a total team effort. In defence Zoran Iskovic and Jim Kondorovic both had big games, while up front Ristovski and Palinkas were always dangerous.

It was Footscray's first win of the season, but on this form they may have a reasonably successful season.

Brisbane City manager Nereo Setich, slightly disappointed by having been toppled from the top of the table, admitted being out-played on the day, but with the players at his disposal Brisbane City will not be far from the top positions.

Of Newcastle United what can one say? The team is certainly not a great one, but it is a thoroughly professional one and above all, an entertaining side to watch. It is hard to play against, especially in front of their own crowd.

The pleasing part about it is that the great crowd that attended the game last Sunday was totally entertained, and APFA will be excused for thinking they are playing away from home when the Newcastle "KB" United's travelling army of supporters invade Wentworth Park this Sunday.

Allen Vest is having a dream run at present, with eleven players on the park at the moment delivering the goods and probably the

Footscray 3 Canberra 0

Scorers: Piccione 50th, Palinkas 57th, Ristovski 66th.

Ground: Bruce Stadium, Canberra.

Crowd: 7321.

Weather: fine.

Cautions: Ristic (Footscray).

Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.

Canberra City relinquished its lead of the Phillips League after crashing 3-0 against Footscray.

The difference between the portulism and its sharpness once near goal.

And the size of the loss must augur badly for Canberra's chances for the rest of the 1979 season. Disastrously, the drubbing occurred before one of their best-ever crowds of 7231 people.

It was a listless first stanza, goalless and mainly territorial soccer with little real chances from either side, although what did come were chances created by Footscray.

The visitors showed why they have the reputation of being one of the PSL's best footballing sides. They held the ball brilliantly, played copybook soccer and always had men in the open space.

And once near goal they were always dangerous.

This fact was best illustrated by Mendo Ristovski when he pounced, Footscray's third and final goal.

He was 25 metres out, saw the chance and let fly with a magnificent first time drive from all of 20 metres. It was beautifully placed along the dead end and left Canberra keeper Steve Hoszowski floundering as it rocketed into the left hand corner.

This goal came in the 66th minute, and sealed Canberra's fate.

But the goals that set Footscray on the road to victory both came from shocking Canberra defensive blunders.

The first occurred after just 10 minutes of the second stanza.

Canberra full back John Brown dallied and Joe Piccione caught him in possession with a neatly timed sliding tackle. The ball ran loose, Piccione chased and beat the advancing Hoszowski to the ball by a split second. Piccione took his chance well by slotting the ball under the keeper's body and into the net.

Canberra was coming back into the game when the second blunder gave Footscray the game on a plate.

Close-season signing Paul Findling tried to bypass to Roy Stark but the ball went anywhere but near a Canberra City defender.

Palinkas snapped up the gift and as Hoszowski came out — as he had to to narrow the angle — he fired the ball into the right hand top corner.

Even at this early stage of the second half, it was all over, bar the shouting.

Footscray never allowed Canberra to dominate play. Canberra had their chances but always needed too much time once near goal.

Canberra still have the problem of no established striker. On Sunday striker George Bailey was replaced in the second half by Ivan Grulovic and still has yet to find the net.

Footscray's defence was brilliantly co-ordinated and cohesive.

For them it was a total team effort. In defence Zoran Iskovic and Jim Kondorovic both had big games, while up front Ristovski and Palinkas were always dangerous.

It was Footscray's first win of the season, but on this form they may have a reasonably successful season.

ADELAIDE C. 0 APIA 1

Scorer: Samuels (Apia) 74th.

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide.

Crowd: 5176.

Weather: Warm.

Cautions: perin, Muir (Ad).

Referee: Turnbull (Apia).

Apia grabbed their first PSL win with a shock 1-0 victory over Rale Rasic's Adelaide City.

It was a disaster for City which has yet to pick up a point at home this season.

City crashed 2-4 to Brisbane City in the opening match, but appeared to have recaptured their 1977 form with a brilliant 3-2 win against Sydney City last week.

But there was nothing vintage about the City side which lost to Apia.

Their inadequacies in front of goal which dogged them for most of last season were apparent again and Dixie Deans, the mercurial Scot, again carried their attack.

Deans, despite a fatal 20th minute penalty miss, was in superb form and gave Apia a torrid time.

He ran all day and fought a running battle with 1974 World Cup stalwart Ray Richards.

Deans created City's first major opportunity in the 15th minute when he cut into the penalty area, but his goal mouth cross slipped past Chris Kent.

Four minutes later Deans was brought down in the penalty area, but Apia's keeper Greg Woodhouse dived low to his left to make a brilliant save from his spot kick.

Deans shrugged off the miss and two minutes later casually flicked the ball to Brian Northcote who struck a vicious volley around the far post from 20 metres.

City's finishing off was appalling and John Nyskohus confirmed that when he shot wide from inside the penalty area.

But Kiwi recruit Glenn Dodds probably



Stadium is a dream come true

The dream of every club in Australia is to own its own piece of land and build a stadium is a dream not many clubs realise.

However, in 1976, St George decided to start work on 5.9 hectares of land in Rockdale known as Barton Park after acquiring approval and a 21-year lease from the council.

The NSW Government chipped in with \$60,000, while a number of St George

supporters came in with \$1,000 apiece, and the project started to take shape.

So far, \$1 million has been spent and the roof is on the stadium. It will seat 2800 people under cover, while a further 600 seats are added but not under cover.

The complex is designed to cater for families. When completed it will feature two restaurants, barbecue areas and a children's playground. Gymnasium, sauna and new dressing rooms are to be added under the grandstand, while lighting for night games is also in the process of being installed.

Hard working promotions manager Alan Barton is full of enthusiasm: "These facilities will be so good the people of Sydney will be glad to go to soccer. As soon as people realise what good facilities are here, they will keep coming back."

In the first game despite a torrential downpour, the crowd was over 2000 people. The playing area remained in good condition despite the downpour, mainly due to the 3000 metres of drainage pipes laid under the playing surface.

HUNGARIAN SUPER SAINTS BORN OF BRAVE PIONEERS

By
**ALEX
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Australian soccer had its roots planted by the migrant population as early as the beginning of the century. The very first clubs formed bore the names of English, Italian and Greek football clubs and the game as such remained for decades "strictly European".

It was no surprise to see the continuation of the trend in the fifties and the sixties, with names like Prague, APIA, Hakoah, Budapest, Croatia, Yugal, etc.

For most of the large migrant groups, such as Italian Greek or Yugoslav, it was easy to establish a soccer club, as they had the numbers to support and carry the club financially.

For a number of Hungarian migrants who landed on Australian shores in the late forties, it was hard enough to make ends meet, let alone think of the glory that soccer clubs used to achieve back home.

But love of the game found a number of willing participants playing soccer each afternoon in the vast area of the Bathurst holding camp. It was here that a few Hungarian migrants laid the foundations for what was to become one of the best clubs in the history of Australian soccer.

The club was formed and named in honour of that great Hungarian club, Ferencvaros. It was properly registered with the New South Wales Soccer Football Association but since the application was lodged far too late for the 1950 season, the club had to sit it out for the year, playing only in friendlies.

The following year Ferencvaros won the "New Australian Cup" and finished second in the Metropolitan League,



After the 1967 Ampol Cup triumph. From left, top: L. Bordacs, L. Hegyes, S. Bordacs, Hillhouse, Hillary, De Bruin, Schaefer, G. Middleton, Morgan, C. Kalman. Bottom: McCollan, Stegbauer, Sokoloff, Isaac, Warren, Ciss, H. Tyson.

only a point behind the winners.

In 1952, Ferencvaros graduated to the NSW Association's Division Two but had to drop its "foreign" name at the order of the Association and adopt the less "offensive" name of Europa.

In 1953, the club had on its books a number of great European players. Dr Lindner was an ex-First Division player from Yugoslavia, while Joe Vasilits was a member of Hungarian First Division team NSC. Arpad Tuson was once on the books of Ferencvaros while Kern, Benedek and Both also played for top Hungarian teams.

Having to battle with the Association's bosses, the club did not go far during the 1953-55 period but joined forces with Prague, Hakoah and Sydney Austral to stage a successful revolution and form the NSW Federation of Soccer Club in 1957.

Europa joined the newly-formed Federation, re-formed and named Budapest Soccer Club in honour of the Hungarian capital.

The club's first elected committee in 1957 was:

President: ZSIGMOND BORDACS

Vice-president: LASZLO NAGY

Secretary: LES BORDACS

Treasurer: SANDOR IHASZ

Coach: FERENC LUGOSI

Assistant coach: VILMOS POVDESEK

Marcel Nagy, the former treasurer and president of the Hungarian Football Association was appointed managing director of the club. He was also life president of the club till his death in 1971.

Soon after the formation of Budapest Soccer Club, the committee was joined by Alex Pongrass who would prove to be a most valuable gain. In these early years, the club badly needed someone who could lay down plans for a more secure and brighter future.

It was largely due to his efforts that the social club was born.

Never claiming to be an expert in football, Alex Pongrass like most people, formed his own opinion of what went on about the

soccer arena. With his business expertise and drive for success, he let the experts run the football while he concentrated on completion of the club house, he acquired the money for the building and saw the project to its climax. With extensions completed in the early seventies, the club is certainly one of the best soccer houses in the

land and a tribute to its president.

While one cannot help wondering where St George would be today without Alex Pongrass it is also hard to imagine the club's existence but for Les Bordacs.

One of the founder-members, Bordacs has become one of soccer's elder states-

men, not just in Sydney but in Australia. Few can match his enormous administrative knowledge. It was a fitting tribute when, in 1969, he was made assistant manager of the Australian World Cup team for visits to South Korea, Mozambique and Israel.

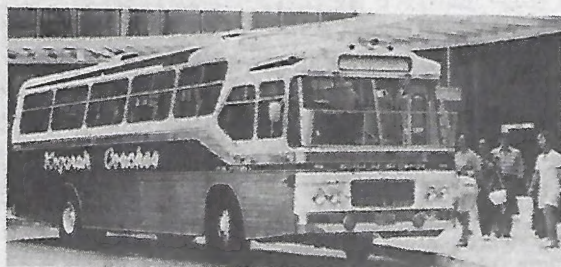
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General manager Les Bordacs

Coach Joe Gelei, former Hungarian international.

Assistant coach Tibor Zuckerman

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Mighty Saints dazzle on '71 Japan tour

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While Alex Pongras can be outspoken and demanding, Les Bordes prefers to mediate and compromise, giving St George the perfect combination at the top of its hierarchy.

At "Soccer House" as it is affectionately known, St. George Budapest Soccer Club has risen from a meagre 247 members in 1967 to over 4000 in 1979. Situated at Mortdale, it is also a model for the assimilation of migrants, for about half of its membership — and its Board of Directors — is of Hungarian extraction and the other half Australian.

The auditorium (over 500 seats), the Golf Post Bar, games room, sauna bath, various meeting rooms and a beautifully decorated function room as well as the Copper Grill Bistro and the club's restaurant, "The Tavern," make up one of the most comfortable and modern clubs in Sydney.

While the social club went ahead in leaps and bounds, the Soccer team itself was not far behind. The club's record in the past 22 years can hardly be matched since its promotion in 1959.

Let's have a look at the successes over the period before the formation of the Phillips League:

- 1958 Second Division premiers
- 1960 Ampol Cup winners
- 1962 N.S.W. premiers
- 1964 Federation Cup winners
- 1967 Ampol Cup winners and grand final winners
- 1971 Tokyo International Tournament winner and grand final winners
- 1972 Ampol Cup winners, Interstate Ampol Cup winners, N.S.W. premiers and State Cup winners
- 1974 grand final winners
- 1975 Ampol Cup winners and grand final winners
- 1976 N.S.W. premiers

Premiers in NSW in 1962, 1972 and 1978, St George also finished second on the league table a record eight times. Three points behind APIA in 1964, equal with the premiers South Coast in 1965, only a point behind South Coast in 1969, a point behind Hakoah in 1970.

1967, 1972 and 1975 certainly stand out as the best years in the club's list of successes. Two trophies in '67, four in '72 and

two in '75. Winning the Tokyo International tournament in 1971 was one of the best results any Australian side achieved abroad.

In 1967, on the way to winning the Ampol Cup, St George defeated South Coast 2-0, Cumberland Utd. 8-2, Canterbury 3-1, Yugal 3-2, APIA 3-1, Pan Hellenic 3-1 in the semi-finals and Hakoah 2-0 in the final.

The heroes of the Cup were certainly Johnny Warren, David Clee, Manfred Schaefer and young Neville Morgan.

In the grand final, the same year, Saints were down two goals against APIA very early. After 20 minutes of the first half APIA led after good goals by Kerikman and Biles.

But the spirit of St George survived the shock and in the 32nd minute Schaefer made it 1-2. Three minutes after the interval McColgan made it 2-2 and now there was no holding the marauding Saints.

David Clee shot his team into the lead in the 52nd, then added further goals in the 77th and 82nd to completely shatter APIA. This was the team that won the Grand Final in 1967: Haffey, Isaac, Hillary, Schaefer, Morgan, Zuckerman, Stogbauer, Warren, McColgan, Clee, Fernandez.

In 1971, St George, with possibly its best combination in the red, white and green, won yet another grand final, this time against Western Suburbs. St George led twice while goals by Alan Ainslie, only to see Wests come back through Johnstone then Kinell.

Atti Abonyi made the difference between the two sides in the 71st minute after some good work by Terry Eaton into the far corner.

The winning team was: Kelly, Harris, Utjesenovic, Schaefer, Hogg, Abonyi, Alston, Hamilton, Denton, Herron (Williams), Ainslie.

Practically the same side steamrolled everything before it in the 1972 competition, winning the NSW premiership with three points to spare from Marconi, the Ampol Cup, the Interstate Ampol Cup and the STae Cup.

One of the most unforgettable chapters in the club's history is the Far East tour of March 1971, the first ever by



THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FIRST TEAM SQUAD IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY, 1972 winners of the Ampol Cup; Inter City Ampol Cup; Premiership Ampol Cup and Premiership Goal Scoring Champions. Back Row (left to right): Marty Treasure, John Stoddart, Jimmy Herron, Harry Williams, Willie Hamilton, Neville Morgan, Fabian Juhasz, Barry Harris, Brendan Grosse, Alan Ainslie (now with Wests). Front Row: Denis Donovan, Mike Denton, Atti Abonyi, Bobby Hogg, Johnny Warren, Frank Arok (Manager-Coach), Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston, George Harris, Doug Utjesenovic, Jimmy Fraser.

an Australian team to that part of the world.

Earlier, the Japanese Toyo Kogyo team had visited Sydney and played a friendly against St George, losing 3-0 to its host but not losing any friends. It was this visit by Toyo which established a relationship between the two clubs and led to St George's visit to Japan.

The first stopover on the way to Japan was at Macao, where St George played havoc with the local team winning 6-0 despite the fact that the players had to go to the ground almost from the airport.

Two days later, St George, alarmed Hong Kong champions Jardine for six. With goals by Abonyi (2), Ainslie, Warren, Denton and Alston St George won 6-2.

In Japan, despite a friendly "Konichiwa" at the airport and all the warmth the St. George party were given by their hosts, the team seemed to despair on the hallowed turf of the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo. The combination of 25,000 spectators and some 5 million estimated T.V. viewers was sufficient to suggest how serious the Japanese were taking this game.

Japan, fresh from taking the bronze medal at the Olympic games in Mexico, faced NSW as best club outfit with the great Kanameto in the forwards and Ogi, Sugiyama and Yo-

shimura, the Japanese representatives, backing him up. The match ended in a 0-0 draw, not too bad against the bronze medalist from the Olympic Games.

3-0 against Toyo Kogyo was followed by a great 3-0 win against Danish champions Boldklub Frem. Who would have believed that St George, the team from "Down Under", could cause any problems for the star-studded Danish club?

St George followed with a brilliant win 2-1 against the Hitachi club which put Saints into the final of the tournament against the Japanese B side.

Saints exploded in the final, winning 6-2 to take the winners' cup, with Warren and Alston scoring some great goals.

Seven matches for six wins and a draw is a success story no Australian side had achieved outside our borders. In their elegant uniforms or in track suits, the players were great ambassadors for Australia.

These men were on tour:

Les Bordes (tour leader), Brian Taylor (coach), Denis Donovan, Geoff Morgan, George Harris, Harry Williams, Doug Utjesenovic, Manfred Schaefer, Don Sandell, Tom Anderson, Alan Ainslie, Adrian Alston, John Warren, Mike Denton, Jim Herron, Atti Abonyi, George Campbell.



Five former, recent or present St. George coaches at the Sports Ground. Left right: Joe Coardas, Laurie Hegyes, Joe Viscita, Frank Arok and Rolo Rolo.



St. George-Budapest and the Japanese national team before their game in Tokyo's Olympic Stadium. The game finished a 0-0 draw.

A world-wide brotherhood

What have Hungarians, Greeks, Yugoslavs, Argentinians, Englishmen, Scots and Germans in common?

Soccer, of course. And one does not have to go to St. George to find this international sporting brotherhood. What was an amateur team made up of Hungarian migrants in 1960, developed into a multi-national team in the 70s, with an obvious attempt to reduce the number of foreign imports in the past few years and rely on the Juniors in the St. George tricot.

Let's look at some of those who made St. George (earlier St. Geo Budapest, or Budapest-St. Syd) into a very successful unit.

From Hungary:
Jeno Bosanszky (Szeged MTK)
Jozsef Coardas (Komlo)
Miklos Jobbasy (Tatabanya)
Les Schauman (Csepel)
Frank Lang (Ferencvaros)
Tibor Zuckerman
Atti Abonyi...

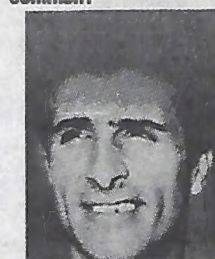
From Yugoslavia:
Mladen Krgin (Novi Sad, Vojvodina)
Petar Bencicovic (Novi Sad)
Dragan Utjesenovic (OFK Belgrade)

Stefan Matc (Olimpija, Maribor)
From South America:
Eduardo Massey (Real Oviedo)
Miguel Maxina (Palmeiras)
Victor Fernandez (San Lorenzo)
Rodolfo Cnavi
Rodolfo Della Peca

From England:
David Clee (Chelsea)
Roger Hillary (Chelsea)
Alfie Stokes (Tottenham)
Adrian Alston (Fleetwood)

From Scotland:
Frank Haffey (Celtic and Stranmillis)
George Yardley (Montrose and Tranmere)

Frank McColgan
Willie Hamilton
Bobby Hogg
From Austria
Erwin Schoepf (Austria-Salzburg)
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St. George president Alex Pongress (left) is about to present a toy koala to Polo (centre) during a reception given by the club to Santos in 1972. At right is Federation official Kevin D'Arcy.

Soccer's king pays a visit

July 1972 — this will certainly remain one of the most glamorous milestones in the history of "Soccer House": the world famous Santos FC, together with King Polo, paid the club a visit.

To make up for a cancelled dinner party in their honour the night of their arrival from Bangkok, Santos were delighted to be entertained at St. George's sumptuous headquarters.

And it wasn't just a brief social call, either: they all stayed until late at night —

none later than Polo, the personification of simple charm, the most pleasant and obliging soccer star the world has known.

During their Australian visit, Santos found time to visit only one club: that of Saints'. And no wonder: Santos in Portuguese also means "Saint"...

Two were national coaches

ST. GEORGE-BUD-APEST have had 11 coaches since 1957. Of these, two have been in charge of the Australian national side and another two of the NSW State team. Strangely, it was a different two.

Joe Vlasits, who won the championship with St. George in 1962, was the national coach from 1967 until 1970, while Rale Rasic, who won the grand final with the team in 1971, was the national team supervisor from the world tour at the end of 1970 until the end of 1974.

Miklos Szegedi, who coached the team in 1963-64, was appointed NSW State coach soon after his arrival in 1963, while Frank Arok received the same honour in his first year with the club, in 1969.

This is the full list of all the club's first team coaches: Frank Leggat 1957
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The bosses

St. George's executive administration 1979:
President: Alex Pongress
General Manager: Leo Bortolucci
Coach: Joseph Gali
Assistant: Tibor Zuckerman
Sales and Promotions manager: Alan Barton
Assistants: Jean Patterson, Faye Moyes.

MEET THE PLAYERS

having played his junior soccer in the district. Last season he made 21 appearances with the 1st grade team. Country of birth — Australia.

MARTIN COE, 30, goalkeeper, permanent No. 1. Born 21.3.1948. Coe is a very experienced 8ft 2ins. goalkeeper with excellent anticipation. His introduction to 1st grade was in 1968. His previous clubs were Rendon Latrobe (Old) and Hekeah. He joined St. George in 1976. He has played for both Queensland and N.S.W. State teams. In 1976 he had 24 first team appearances for St. George. Country of birth — Australia.



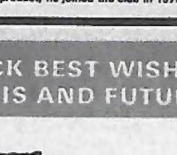
GEORGE HARRIS, 30, defender, permanent No. 2. Born on 8.2.1948, an extremely fast, energetic defender, and a fine example of a true sportsman. He can be used on either right or left side. Joined St. George in 1968 after St. George Juniors and Wagga Teachers' College team. Has been a member of the Soccer Australia team, having played for Australia both at home and overseas. He is captain of St. George and is well respected by his team-mates. Last season he made 28 appearances in 1st grade in the PSL. Country of birth — Australia.



DONALD O'NEILL, St. George permanent No. 3. Born 14.10.1948 — came to St. George in 1968 and joined St. George in 1971, coming from Don A.S.U.T. (Melbourne). Don is a very intelligent player, represented Australia in the 1964 World Cup. He played 50 test matches for Australia. Country of birth — Australia.



PETER TERRY, 20, defender, permanent No. 4. Born 14.8.1952 — Terry was the discovery of the 1978 season. A fast attacking, left back, he should reach even greater fame as he matures. St. George's own product, he joined the club in 1978.



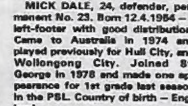
JOHN O'SHEA, 21, midfielder, permanent No. 5. Born 24.7.1957 — a typical human dynamo, non-stop fighter, equally excellent when defending or when attacking. Has a tremendous shot. Has represented Australia in the national team Aust. v Greece and Aust. v Wales. Was a member of the N.S.W. U 18 team and as a senior in the N.S.W. team. Club's own product having come through the junior ranks in the St. George District. Last year made 23 appearances in the PSL. Country of birth — Australia.



BRENDAN GROSSE, 24, defender, permanent No. 6. Born 29.3.1954, has matured into one of our most reliable defenders, excellent in the air, very good tackle, can be used in midfield as well. Is the club's own product, having come through the junior ranks of the St. George Juniors, and is in his eleventh year with St. George. He first played in 1st grade in 1972, after having joined St. George in 1969. Has played in the Australian team. In 1976 he made 20 first grade appearances. Country of birth — Australia.



PETER HERRSMAN, 22, forward, permanent No. 7. Born 17.5.1952 — a fast, experienced winger, the second best goalscorer of the club in the 1978 season during which he made 20 appearances in the PSL. Joined St. George in 1977. Country of birth — England.



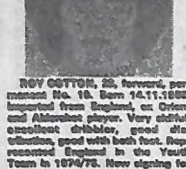
MICK DALE, 24, defender, permanent No. 23. Born 12.4.1954 — a left-footer with good distribution. Came to Australia in 1974 and played previously for Hull City, and Wollongong City. Joined St. George in 1978 and made one appearance for 1st grade last season in the PSL. Country of birth — England.



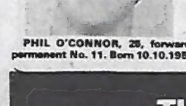
STEPHEN MATIC, 28, midfielder, permanent No. 8. Born 24.3.1952 — came from Yugoslavia on Frank Arok's recommendation, a very experienced professional played one year on 2nd Division in Germany, then two years for Sports Rotterdam in Holland's 1st Division and last year in Bolivia for champion team Bolivar. He can be used on left or right wing as well. Intelligent thinking type. Country of birth — Yugoslavia.



ROY COTTON, 22, forward, permanent No. 10. Born 14.11.1955, imported from England, an Orient and Albion player. Very clever, excellent dribbler, good distribution, good with both feet. Represented England in the Youth Team in 1974/75. Now signing for 1976. Country of birth — England.



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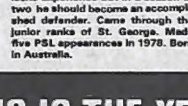
MICHAEL FRASER, 21, goalkeeper, permanent No. 12. Born 6.8.1957, Fraser transferred from Apple to St. George this season. Tall, quick and acrobatic. Recently had a season in Germany. State Honours include the U 18 and U 21 N.S.W. teams. National honours — played in match Australia v Wales. His first introduction to 1st grade was in 1975. Place of birth — Australia.



MICHAEL O'SHEA, 18, defender, permanent No. 13. Born 27.5.1960, a young, talented defender who was a member of the U 19 N.S.W. team. In a few years he should be a regular first grader. Is club's own product, O'Shea having come through the junior ranks of St. George. Last season he made eight first grade appearances in the PSL. Country of birth — Australia.



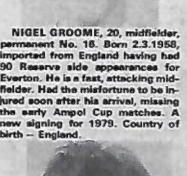
EMERY HOLMIS, 20, defender, permanent No. 14. Born 25.7.1958 — hard tackling, fast defender. Still lacks experience but in a season or two he should become an accomplished defender. Came through the junior ranks of St. George. Made five PSL appearances in 1978. Born in Australia.



PHIL O'CONNOR, 28, forward, permanent No. 11. Born 10.10.1953 — fast, goalscoring winger, O'Connor was the club's top scorer last season when he made 25 appearances for St. George in the PSL. Came to Australia in 1975 to Wollongong City, transferred to St. George in 1977. Has represented N.S.W. twice and in the Australian team five times. Country of birth — England.



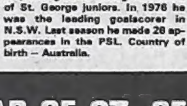
RODOLFO DELLA PICCA, 25, defender, permanent No. 15. Born 11.7.1953, he was imported from 1st division side Sportivo Italiano from Argentina, a 6ft 11in. tall, rugged, solid centre defender, with typical South American polished ball control. Joined St. George this season. Country of birth — Argentina.



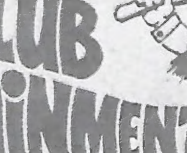
NIGEL GROOME, 20, midfielder, permanent No. 16. Born 2.3.1958, imported from England having had 90 Reserve side appearances for Everton. He is a fast, attacking midfielder. Had the misfortune to be injured soon after his arrival, missing the early Ampol Cup matches. A new signing for 1979. Country of birth — England.



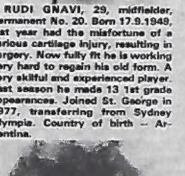
DENNIS DUARTE, 22, forward, permanent No. 17. Born 16.11.1956. Came from N.S.W. amateur ranks on a trial. His talent was quickly discovered by Gali. He has good dribbling, powerful shot and good heading ability. One he gets used to hard training, and gains some experience, Gali predicts a great future for him. Country of birth — Portugal.



NEVILLE MORGAN, 28, forward, permanent No. 18. Born 10.12.1952 — 6ft 2ins. tall, old hand in the goal-scoring department. Excellent heading ability with a great left or right-foot shot. Club's own product, having come through the ranks of St. George Juniors. In 1976 he was the leading goalscorer in N.S.W. Last season he made 20 appearances in the PSL. Country of birth — Australia.



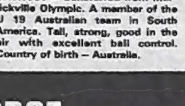
MARK BARTON, 19, midfielder, permanent No. 19. Born 19.7.1959, is a talented youngster — had a few first grade games in the 1978 season. If he progresses as in the last year soon will become a first grade regular. Club's own product, having come through the ranks of the St. George Juniors. Joined St. George in 1972 with the Inter-District team. First played 1st grade in 1978. Country of birth — Australia.



RUDI GNANI, 23, midfielder, permanent No. 20. Born 17.8.1948, last year had the misfortune of a serious cartilage injury, resulting in surgery. Now fully fit he is working very hard to regain his old form. A very skilful and experienced player. Last season he made 13 1st grade appearances. Joined St. George in 1977, transferring from Sydney Olympia. Country of birth — Argentina.



PAUL KAY, 16, midfielder, permanent No. 21. Born 18.5.1962 — the youngest contract player of the club. He was a member of the U 19 Australian team in South America. A tremendously talented, intelligent player. Despite his small build, he has respect for no-one. The club expects great things from him in a few years. He made five first grade appearances in 1978. Country of birth — Australia.



PETER KATHOLIS, 15, midfielder, permanent No. 22. Born 18.3.1961 — transferred from Macquarie Olympic. A member of the U 19 Australian team in South America. Tall, strong, good in the air with excellent ball control. Country of birth — Australia.



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Hajduk, Seattle and Spain—they all wooed big Eddie

Had national coach Rudi Gutendorf not urged Eddie Krncevic to change his mind, the young Socceroo would have quit Australian soccer.

Krncevic signed an agreement with American club Seattle Sounders, which he describes as 'pretty official', and was set to make the big move to the United States.

But Gutendorf wisely talked the young Socceroo out of his decision.

"Rudi started by advising me not to go to America," said Eddie. "He said the leagues there were for retired stars, not young players coming up."

"Later he talked me out of leaving Australia. Rudi said I had a chance to make the national team and should wait a couple of years before going overseas."

Krncevic then realised going abroad would ruin his chances of selection to the Australian team.

"I've got my heart set on playing for Australia in the 1982 World Cup finals," he said. "That's more important than playing with an overseas club at the moment."

"If I left Australia, I'd have no chance of making the national team. So any overseas moves will have to wait."

By his actions, Gutendorf has confirmed he has Krncevic earmarked for national selection. There's a good chance young Eddie will be in Rudi's 26-man squad to be picked at the end of April.

If he is selected in Gutendorf's initial squad, his decision to stay in Australia will have been the right one. But Krncevic so easily could have been lost to Australia. He was closer to joining the Sounders than a lot of people believed.

In fact, after the young Socceroo's tour of South America Krncevic flew directly to Seattle instead of returning to Australia.

"I was going to join Seattle this season," he said. "Before Marconi became interested in me, I was set to go to the States."

"I really like the way soccer is set up in America, with all the big promotions. When I was in the States with the Australian Schoolboys team, I enjoyed myself so much I couldn't wait to get back."

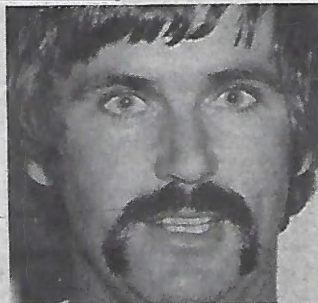
Another reason Krncevic wanted to get back in a hurry was a girl named Debbie. Eddie met Debbie during the Schoolboys tour, and she has since moved to Australia to live with him.

Eddie's ties with the Sounders were started through Bobby McLachlan, the coach of the Schoolboys team, who knows Seattle coach Jimmy Gabriel.

When in Paraguay Krncevic, along with Ian Rowden and Greg Woodhouse, was approached by an official from a Spanish First Division club...

Krncevic has also been contacted by Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia, a club he says he would 'love to play for'...

By KYLE PATTERSON



Rudi Gutendorf (left) and John Gardiner — the coaches who have helped Krncevic most.

And then comes the offer of a trial with Wolverhampton Wanderers of England, which was to be organised by Altona City coach Joe Wilson, a former long-serving Wolves player...

Despite these lucrative offers, Krncevic still sees more glamour in the green and gold of the Socceroo than the flash and sparkle of the Sounders.

Eddie Krncevic was born in Geelong, Victoria on August 14, 1960. He's 18 years old but already has represented his country, been on three overseas soccer tours and had a club splash out more than \$10,000 for his services.

Not bad for a player who was playing State League reserve soccer in 1977!

Today he has the world at his feet.

Has the rise to fame affected Krncevic?

"No way," he answers resolutely. "I'm not on any star trip, or taking a big-headed attitude. Soccer's my life and I'm taking success as it comes."

"Living in Sydney is hard at times because I miss my family and my friends. But my dad has always wanted me to be successful in soccer and is right behind me."

"If I saw one of my friends on the street, there's no way I wouldn't talk to him because I'm Eddie Krncevic of Marconi. I haven't changed at all."

Krncevic started his career as a junior with Corio in Geelong. Later, when his family moved to the big

smoke' — Melbourne — he played with Croatia Melbourne.

In 1972 Croatia Melbourne was expelled from the Victorian Soccer Federation, so Krncevic joined Juventus where he played for three years as a junior.

He represented Victoria in the under 13, 14 and 16 age groups, during which time he started his soccer travels.

One year it was Orange, New South Wales, then down to Tasmania the next. They were minor journeys compared with Eddie's globe-trotting these days.

In the under 16 State championships held in Victoria, Krncevic scored eight goals, but Victoria could manage only third place.

In the under 14 championships, Krncevic played against Craig Johnston of New South Wales. Johnston is now making a name for himself with First Division club Middlesbrough.

Krncevic joined the re-grouped Croatia as a 16-year-old. During 1977, he spent most of his time in the reserve team, with the occasional appearance on the substitute's bench for the first team.

At the beginning of 1978, Essendon Croatia sold centre forward George McMillon to Preston Makedonia for \$6,000 which paved the way for Krncevic.

He played his first game against Hakoah in the Ampol Cup. Essendon won 2-0.

Two games later Eddie scored his first goal in the State League in a 3-1 victory over George Cross.

Then, in the semi-finals, he stunned everyone with a four-goal performance against Abillon Rovers. Croatia won 4-1, and the 17-year-old striker was suddenly a star.

Krncevic said he owes a lot to John Gardiner, the Croatia coach at the time.

"John gave me a lot of confidence," said Eddie. "He gave me the chance to get established in the team and helped me tremendously at training. He showed what he wanted me to do and I learned a lot."

Krncevic, however, is not being disrespectful to Gardiner when he praises Gutendorf as the man who helped him most.

"There's no better coach in Australia than Gutendorf," said Eddie. "He's so professional in everything he does, especially with training. He improved my game with his coaching."

Eddie's first season in the State League was interrupted by injury. In a game against Altona City he suffered a broken leg.

The injury ruled him out of the Australian youth championships of 1978 which were played in Brisbane.

More worrying to Krncevic was that he could miss the Australia Schoolboys tour of America.

"I thought I could recover for the trip to the States," he said, "but I wasn't fully fit. I made the tour anyway, and got away with being less than 100% fit."

Eddie's love for soccer was evident at this time. He had left school at 15 to do a hairdressing apprenticeship but gave up his job to return to school so he would qualify for the schoolboys trip.

He now works in Ray Richard's Sports Shop.

Comparing the schoolboys tour with the under 19 team's trip to South America, Eddie said: "The schoolboys tour was more like a holiday. We had a fair bit of free time and all the players enjoyed themselves. This showed up on the field, because we played well."

"On the Paraguay trip, the players weren't as happy. It was an official tour and pretty strict. When the arrangements were chopped and changed, and a lot of the players became sick, things were made worse."

The injury during 1978, plus the time away in the States meant Krncevic missed a lot of Croatia's games. In all he played 21 games and scored 16 goals.

At the end of 1978 came the tour to New Zealand for World Youth Cup preliminary games, followed by the Paraguay jaunt in early 1979.

Earlier this season, Krncevic signed with Marconi and was later transferred for \$9,000.

The pressure is now on Krncevic to perform but whatever he achieves, he has shown Australia does have young players capable of success at all levels. Young players like Eddie are the raw materials with which a strong soccer nation can be built.



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Up for the European Cup! Garry Birtles (left) heads clear in a packed Nottingham Forest defence during the English club's European Cup game against Grasshoppers Zurich in Switzerland. Other Forest players (from left) are Ian Boyer, Archie Mills, Archie Gemmill, John O'Hare and Viv Anderson.

Wisla dumped by part-time Malmoe

Malmoe, the part-timers from Sweden, sent Polish champion Wisla Krakow flying out of the European Cup with a magnificent, but unexpected 4-1 home win.

With the score standing at 0-0 at half time, Wisla looked set for a place in the semi-finals, but Malmoe's Anders-Ljungberg had different ideas.

Ljungberg scored a brilliant second half hat-trick to spur Malmoe to a 4-1 victory in front of the team's own fans.

After winning 2-1 in Poland, Wisla was expected to hold on to its advantage, but this was not to be.

Joining Malmoe in the semi-finals are Austria Wien, Nottingham Forest and FC Cologne of West Germany. The Cologne v Rangers quarter final second leg was postponed because of Arctic weather in Glasgow, but Cologne drew 1-1 the next day.

Cologne won the first leg in West Germany 1-0, and progressed through on 2-1 aggregate.

Nottingham Forest moved closer to becoming the fourth British club to win the European Cup when it accounted for Grasshoppers Zurich.

Holding a comfortable 4-1 lead from the first leg in Nottingham, Brian Clough's men gave a professional display to draw 1-1 in Zurich, and progress through 5-2 on aggregate.

If Forest can win the European Cup, it will be able to arrange a suitable swap deal with Liverpool. The Red Devils look certain to win the League Championship.

(Austria) 0 (halftime 1-0). Austria Wien won 3-2 on aggregate.
In Glasgow: Rangers (Scotland) 1 Cologne (West Germany) 1 (halftime 0-0). FC Cologne won 2-1 on aggregate.
In Malmoe: Malmoe (Sweden) 4 Wisla Krakow (Poland) 1 (halftime 0-0). Malmoe won 5-2 on aggregate.

CUP WINNERS' CUP:
In Ostrev: Banki Ostrev (Czechoslovakia) 4 FC Magdeburg (East Germany) 2 (halftime 2-0). Banki won 5-4 on aggregate.
In: Ebernen: SK Beveren (Belgium) 1 Inter Milan (Italy) 0 (halftime 0-1). Beveren won 1-0 on aggregate.
In Barcelona: Barcelona (Spain) 0 Ipswich Town (England) 0 (halftime 1-0). Aggregate score 2-2. Barcelona won on away goals rule.
In Geneva: Servette Geneva (Switzerland) 1 Fortuna Dusseldorf (W. Germany) 1 (halftime 0-1). Aggregate score 1-1. Fortuna won on away goals rule.

UEFA CUP:
In Dusseldorf: HSV Dusseldorf (W. Germany) 1 Herford (Hungary) 2 (halftime 1-0). Aggregate 4-4. Dusseldorf won on away goals rule.
In Birmingham: West Bromwich Albion 1 Red Star Belgrade 1 (halftime 1-0). Red Star Belgrade won 2-1 on aggregate.
In Prague: Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1 Hertha Berlin (West Germany) 2 (halftime 1-1). Hertha won 3-2 on aggregate.
In Munchen: Bayern Munich 3 Manchester United 2 (halftime 1-0). Bayern won 5-2 on aggregate.

EUROPEAN CUP



A pictorial tribute to Australian youth international Eddie Krncevic, by "Soccer Action" photographer SAM BELFONTE. Top left: beating Frankton's Eric Gillespie in the air. Top centre: With Yakka Banovic after winning the Victorian Ampol Cup with Essendon Croatia. Top right: up in the air against George Cross. Centre: bustling Sergio Melia of Adelaide City. Bottom centre: heading for goal against Hakoah, whose goalkeeper Bill Whiteside and full back John Daperis are at left.

U.S. a power in 10 years : NASL

Phil Woosnam, the former West Ham, Aston Villa, Orient and Wolves inside forward who is Commissioner of the North American Soccer League, was recently in London and is convinced that in 10 years' time the USA will be a real world power in the game.

Now 24 teams strong, the NASL estimates there are now two million youngsters between the ages of six and 16 actively playing soccer in the States. Every NASL side must field two US citizens and Woosnam reckons next year the local content will grow to three and a couple of years later to four.

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Ivan Golos of Southampton was the first foreign import to play in a Wembley final when his club met Notts Forest in the League Cup final.

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Scottish Premier League side Dundee United has an astonishing penalty - kick record since the major league came into being. United has been awarded 32 penalties... and managed to bulge the back of the net only a miserable 12 times.

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Billy Wright, the former Wolves and England all-time great, is now head of ATV Sport.

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Things have started hotting up for the World Cup in Spain. An information file has already been sent out which includes a competition for a World Cup mascot.

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Scotland's long throw-in expert is Ian Jardine the 6ft 2 in centre half of Kilmarnock. Ian can reach a colleague's head 40 yards away and is still improving.

From Jim Cook

Cologne was reported to be on 2500 pounds a man to beat Glasgow Rangers and its top players earn 75,000 pounds a year plus bonuses, with the lowest paid assured of at least 50,000 pounds. Cologne is sponsored for the next three years by a Japanese electronic firm to the tune of 750,000 pounds.

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Norwich City has unearthed another colored star in central striker Justin Fashanu who is only 17 and was born in London of Nigerian and Guyanese parents, but was brought up in Dr Barnardo's homes. Fashanu is a current member of England's youth team and already has made several first team appearances for Norwich.

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Tom Reynolds one of England's top referees, is quitting the Whistlers job in the U.K. to become a referee's coach in the North American Soccer League. Reynolds, 44, could have continued in England until he was 47.

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Sheffield Wednesday, managed by Jack Charlton, recently had a letter from the Department of Employment vetoing their 50,000 pound bid for Yugoslav Modest Radonicic. Evidently the powers that be felt that Radonicic doesn't measure up in comparison with all the other foreign stars now in England.

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Deadline for transfers is fast approaching and many players are ex-

pected to move in the next couple of weeks, including:

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Duncan McKenzie, currently with Chelsea who is considering a 120,000 pound move to Second Division, Blackburn Rovers. To date over 825,000 pounds has changed hands for McKenzie's moves which have taken him to Notts Forest, Leeds, Anderlecht, Everton and Chelsea. Queens Park Rangers may bid 300,000 pounds for Dundee United striker Paul Brannock. Graham Day, the Bristol Rovers defender, could join Portland Timbers in America for 50,000 pounds.

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Shrewsbury Town's cup hero Sammy Chapman is likely to join Tulsa in America once his club is out of the FA Cup.

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Bristol Rovers are bidding 50,000 pounds for Ipswich winger Mick Lambert.

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Coventry may yet fork out the 800,000 pounds for Charlton striker Mike Flanagan who is in dispute with the club after failing to join New England Team in USA.

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Birmingham City boss Jim Smith may splash out some of the million he got for Trevor Friend, but Smith is not revealing names.

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Fort Lauderdale in America, managed by former Portsmouth player Ron Newman, is trying to sign Panu's Guibilia and he has also had talks with Gerd Muller.

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Veteran John Pratt of Spurs could be on the move. Millwall, Orient and Luton are all interested.

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Arsenal, Spurs and QPR are all reported to be in the 400,000 pounds chase for Sunderland's striker Gary Howell.

NEW-WAVE SOCCER A HIT IN BRAZIL

TOP-class soccer in Europe and South America is often accused of being too dull and defensive. The reason most frequently cited is that the rules of the game are too restrictive and too easily manipulated by players out to get the result they want.

To prove the point, a Brazilian TV station recently sponsored an experimental game, played under a drastically revised set of rules. The result was a 5-5 draw and, in the opinion of many observers, a greatly improved spectacle.

The new rules were:

- Off-side was limited to the penalty areas, instead of the whole of the opposition's half.

- Playing time was 30 minutes each way (instead of 45), with the clock stopped when the ball was out of play.
- Kick-ins replaced throw-ins when the ball went out.
- Two referees officiated, one in each half.
- After five fouls, a penalty (from which a goal is almost certain) was awarded.

The players, famous names from past and present, found the rules difficult to adapt to but there was a marked reduction in violence and in defensive play.

Sadly, the game is likely to have little effect on conservative-minded FIFA, the game's world governing body, however much it may have appealed to Brazil's goal-starved spectators.

One country whose spectators might welcome a few more goals is Italy. Of the eight First Division matches played on Sunday, March 1, no fewer than five were 0-0 draws - and the other results were 1-0, 2-0 and 3-1; a total of seven goals from the country's top 16 clubs.

League leader AC Milan has managed just 34 goals in 21 matches.

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Cesar Luis Menotti, who coached Argentina to its World Cup victory last year, is to stay on as national team manager. The chain-smoking Menotti quit at the end of last year in a row over his salary but has now been persuaded to continue and build a new side for the 1982 competition in Spain. Mexico, which fared disastrously in last year's tournament, has appointed Jose Monreal as its new manager. He was previously in charge of the country's youth team.

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A poll conducted by a Bogota newspaper has revealed that 52.6 per cent of its readers are opposed to staging the 1986 World Cup in Colombia on grounds of cost. Colombia is looking more and more unlikely to host the Cup. If the number of teams participating in Spain in 1982 goes up from its present 16 to 24, FIFA

may decide that Colombia does not have enough facilities to cater for the increased demands that would be made on it.

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Runaway soccer star Mike Flanagan, voted the NASL's Most Valuable Player last year for his performances with New England Teammen, is unlikely to be returning to the club this summer. Flanagan has walked out on London club Charlton Athletic over the way his permanent transfer to the USA has been handled. He wants to go back to the Teammen, but a better offer has come from Tampa Bay Rowdies.

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Now the deadline set by the English Football League for the Teammen to agree terms for the transfer has expired, and any option they had on his services expires with it. Flanagan's only course seems to be to Charlton but he is adamant he will not do so. As Charlton has him under contract for two more years, he could be out of the game for that period of time.

CROATIA HOPES FOR REVENGE

For once, the supporters, players and officials of Essendon Croatia will be hoping Green Gully Ajax wins a game.

Tomorrow night (Thursday) Ajax is challenged by First Division team Western Suburbs in a Dockerty Cup second main round game at Olympic Park, and should Green Gully win the Ampol Cup winner gets to meet an old friend in the quarter finals.

Essendon Croatia is desperate to avenge a 1-5 drubbing at the hands of Ajax, which is fast developing into an arch rival of the State League champion.

Should Ajax win, it will meet Croatia at Sunshine's Anderson Road this Sunday, in what should be one

of the most dramatic games this season.

Croatia has a lot to make up. The 1-5 defeat was unbelievable for Croatia. The last time the club lost a game so badly was in 1963 when Footscray JUST thrashed the old Croatia 6-0.

What's more, Croatia was the Ampol Cup holder. The trophy now rests in the Ajax clubrooms.

In the last round of the Ampol Cup preliminary games, Ajax went down to Slavia 1-0, which meant Slavia and not Croatia qualified for the semi finals.

Tomorrow night's Dockerty Cup second main round games were delayed because

of Slavia and Ajax's involvement in the Ampol Cup final.

Ajax meets Wests in the first game (7 pm start), followed by the clash of old rivals George Cross and Slavia.

The winning team must then front up on Sunday for quarter final matches.

On Saturday, at Green Gully Reserve, giants Hakoah and Makedonia clash.

In the first game at Green Gully, Croydon takes on Frankston. Croydon has slipped over the past few games, but Frankston wasn't convincing when it defeated Sunshine.

Polonia is challenged by the winner of the Slavia-George Cross game in the curtain raiser for the Croatia v Ajax/Wests game.

The Western Suburbs squad for the Ajax game is: Mitanidis, Kyrtidis, Daglis, Glykolas, Javorak, Czapnik, Christodou, Theodoridis, Moore, Pocock, Kokkinos, Santangelo, Klas, Daperis, Hebble.

DOCKERTY CUP SECOND MAIN ROUND: at Olympic Park, Thursday March 29.

GREEN GULLY AJAX v WESTERN SUBURBS 7 pm.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA v GEORGE CROSS. **QUARTER FINALS:** at Anderson Road, Sunshine, Sunday April 1.

POLONIA v Slavia or George Cross 1.15 pm. **ESSENDON CROATIA v Green Gully Ajax or Western Suburbs.**

At Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans, Saturday, March 31.

FRANKSTON CITY v CROYDON CITY 1.15 pm. **HAKOAH ST. KILDA v PRESTON MAKEDONIA.**

Victorian Dockerty Cup

CROATIA 3 RINGWOOD 1

Scorers: Murphy (C) 2nd, Gilder (E) 21st, 25th, Greener (R) 40th. Ground: Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1500 (double header). Referee: Les Haiselhurst. **ESSENDON CROATIA:** Blasby 7, Smart 6, Short 7, Kokoska 8, Blavars 6, Adams 7, Murphy 7, Gilder 5, Cumming 8, Gilder 7, Franin 6 (Lancaster 6th min). Total: 74. **RINGWOOD CITY:** Fulham 5, Pearson 5, Malcolm 7, Luyten 5, Vermeers 6, Camahy 8, Anderson 6, Kunic 6, O'Callaghan 7, Greener 8, Doornheide 6. Total: 67.

Essendon Croatia shrugged off its bogey team Ringwood City with a place in the Dockerty Cup quarter finals.

Last season, Ringwood City inflicted two embarrassing defeats on Croatia and prevented the Essendon club making a clean sweep of the honors in Victorian soccer.

In the Dockerty Cup semi-finals last season, Ringwood, already doomed to relegation, caused a massive shock by defeating Croatia 2-1.

Goals from Mike Kunic and Brian Thom (now George Cross) won the game for Ringwood. Branko Gulinic replied for Croatia.

In a league game last season, Ringwood emerged the victor with a 1-0 scoreline. It was the first game for Croatia's new coach Bill McCarthy.

However, Ringwood never looked like worrying Croatia in this match. A first-half blitz by winger Tommy Cumming set Croatia on the path to victory.

Ken Murphy put Croatia into the lead with a goal from a free kick. Cumming won the free kick with a run into the heart of the Ringwood defence, and was fouled.

Murphy's shot went under the body of goalkeeper Michael Fulham. In the 21st minute Cumming sent in a dangerous cross and with Carl Oiler pressing, John Malcolm made a bad back pass which allowed Oiler to nip in and toe the ball past Fulham.

Four minutes later Cumming made good position on the right, accepted a pass from Gilder, then sent a perfect cross for Oiler, who had made his way into the area, to head home.

Croatia led 3-0, and Cumming had an assist in every goal.

But in the second half, the wee winger came in for some heavy punishment from full back Ron Vermeers. Ringwood pulled a goal back through Ian Greener, who capitalised on a mistake in the Croatia defence.

Greener was by far Ringwood's most dangerous player, and is making a great impact in his first season in Victorian soccer.

He is a very skilful player and his positional sense, his vision and off the ball running are excellent. If Ringwood doesn't win promotion to the State League this season, Greener could well be the target of several big league clubs.

Croatia had several more chances to score but poor finishing kept the score at 3-1. John O'Callaghan and Malcolm were other good players for Ringwood, while Kokoska, Cumming, Oiler, Adams, Murphy and Short were Croatia's best.

HAKOAH 6 ROX HILL 0

Scorers: French 15th, 80th, Jordanou 23rd, Bozlanovski 59th, Dosen 75th, Edmondson 81st. Ground: Middle Park. Crowd: 200 (double header). Referee: Lou Hennessey. Weather: Warm. Cautions: None. Referee: Nick Karlich 6. **HAKOAH:** Whiteside 7, Daperis 7, Dosen 6, Gadsby 7, Baker 8, Rigby 8 (Gibson half-time), Jordanou 7, Blair 7, Nagy 8, French 7, Bozlanovski 7 (Edmondson 70th). Total: 75. **BOX HILL:** Morgan 4, White 4 (Homer 32nd min), Corks 5, Taskalidis 4, Patterson 8, G. McLeod 5, I. McLeod 7, Ramos 6, Valentino 6, Cupido 6, Taylor 4. Total: 60.

An inexperienced Box Hill team was no match for Hakoah St. Kilda.

On the spacious and carpet-like surface of Middle Park, Hakoah was able to exploit in full its advantage and control of the game from start to finish. The Hillmen had a fair start but a goal from Graham French led to the Box Hill team slipping.

For the remainder of the half, Box Hill battled manfully against Hakoah's midfield. Hakoah's style of building up slowly from defence and drawing opponents out left big spaces in the middle of the park.

Hakoah's midfield players Dave Rigby, Bill Jordanou and Stuart Blair posed the biggest threat by coming from behind. A second goal by Jordanou saw the Hillmen go into half-time 2-0 down.

A second goal by goalkeeper Bill Whiteside was called upon to make two difficult saves in the opening of the second half.

Ray Taylor hit a drive that Whiteside leaped to tip over, then the Hakoah keeper carried a shot by Noel Cupido before the rebound was scrambled off the line.

A goal for the Hillmen at this stage certainly would have averted the goal avalanche at the other end.

However, Hakoah made it 3-0, and crushed after that. Hakoah made two substitutions, but was never pressed.

Best players were Rigby, Steve Oiler, Jordanou and Blair. For Box Hill Ian McLeod was outstanding in the midfield. George Taskalidis did a good job as sweeper and Cupido battled well once again.

A lone flyer in the grandstand was Hakoah's Nick Rakovall. His name was listed at number three on the team sheet but had been crossed out. The former Alexander and Collingwood defender didn't get changed so a question mark must hang over his future.

David Baker took over left back, but no doubt Frank McKie would like to see the return of full back Chris Valli, who is in dispute with the club. — JOE MAJOR

WINNER

Mr John Smith of 9 Scarf Ave, Werilla, near Wollongong, has won the competition to find a new name for Sydney City. Mr Smith's name was drawn from a barrel of all names that submitted the winning nickname — The Silencers.

CROYDON 3 (won 5-3 pens) ALTONA 3

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Crowd: About 1000.
Referee: Karlisch.
Cards: Shephard (FP), Cairns (FP).
Ratings:
FRANKTON PINES: Radov 8 - Ferris 8, Paulding 7, Effern 8, Wilson 8 - Irvine 7, Cairns 6, Lewis 8 (Thomas 4, 5th), Cameron 7 - Shephard 8, Malcolm 7.
POLONIA: Dzieslakowski 7 - Wazola 8, Peter 6, Gawlik 7, Raczkowski 8 - Horzinski 8, Kotar 7, Casprlik 6 - Lake 6, Esposto 5 (Hermann 6, half time), Pichner 5 (Arlatodemo 7th).
Frankston Pines maintained the aggressive go getting approach that had given it victory over Albion Rovers in the previous round, but lost on a penalty.

Polonia pushed the ball around nicely in defence and midfield but showed little attacking ability. Whatever shots Polonia did manage were held confidently by Pines' excellent goalkeeper Branko Radov.

George Malcolm should have put Pines into the lead in the 20th minute but he missed the ball which had been played square by Steve Cairns who had outplayed an opponent.

A few minutes later a bad kick-in from Leszek Dzieslakowski went straight to Malcolm who slammed it over the bar due to a bad bounce.

With the Polonia forwards falling back, it was only midfielder Ron Horzinski who threatened the goal. He was followed by Radov's good save after a series of one-two passes by John Peter in defence.

Polonia struck another good move which saw the ball going from Tom Kotar to Peter Casprlik to Mike Pichner who squared it meaningfully into the goal area but Brian Paulding saved with a fine clearing header.

Left back Ted Raczkowski, who was one of Polonia's best players, twice crashed dangerous Pines attacks with tackles inside the penalty area, the second of them in Malcolm.

Esposito broke clear from the half line on a low ball from Jan Gawlik, and was leading in the race for goal but Radov came out to the edge of the area to kick the ball clear.

Polonia took the lead in the 42nd minute. Kotar pushed the ball to Casprlik who hit a powerful first-time shot which was handled by a defender so referee Nick Karlisch awarded a penalty. Gawlik took it and scored.

Then Horzinski squared a ball to Horzinski who put it over the bar from 15 metres.

Joe Herman replaced Ralph Esposito at centre forward for Polonia at half time. Herman added a bit of brawn to the attack but he is grossly overweight.

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SYDNEY CITY TAKES THE CUP

SYDNEY C. 3
MELITA 1

Ground: Sydney Sports Ground
Crowd: 2250
Referee: Tony Witzke
Yellow cards: S. O'Connor (11'), Murray Barnes (30')
Goals: 0-1, Rah Farrugia (11'), John Stevenson (14'), 2-1, Steve O'Connor (54'), 3-1 Murray Barnes (78').

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7, Muller 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 7, Bruce 6, Stevenson 7, Watson 6, Barnes 6, Karshew 5 (Smith 6), Souness 5, Silve 6 (Campbell - 74').

MELITA EAGLES: Blacklock 6, McPherson 6, Yarnline 8, McDonald 7, Wilson 6, McIsaac 7, Parker 7, J. Farrugia 6 (Darvell 6), Allen 8, Farrugia 7, Griffith (Jones 7th).

Sydney City failed to impress in its Ampol Cup final win over Melita despite an impressive 3-1 scoreline. Fresh from the defeat by Adelaide City at Wentworth Park only a few days earlier, City never looked like getting into top gear and allowed Melita to hold an edge for most of the match.

Yet the Philips League team managed to score three times, while Melita managed only one and the cup went to Sydney City.

Melita had the better of play at the very beginning and threatened to cause an early upset, but City's defence looked too strong for Melita's fast and skilful forwards.

In fact, Melita did not look like scoring until Ian Bruce went into a tackle on Brian Parker with too much vigor and referee Blacklock had no hesitation in awarding a free kick to Melita some 25 metres from Pezzano's line.

Ray Farrugia curled the ball over the wall of players and into the net. The first goal of Pezzano into the Sydney Sports Ground.

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To add to City's problems, referee Blacklock booked Steve O'Connor, apparently for dissent, just before Melita scored its goal.

It looked grim for City. Melita played the brand of soccer which had shattered St George some 10 days earlier and few people counted that Melita had capabilities to 'cause another upset. However, this Sydney City team has too many good players and would not allow themselves to fall into the same trap as Saints did in the semi-final.

Almost a minute after Melita had gone into the lead, City should have been on equal terms. Joe Watson took a perfect cross for Allan Karshew at the near post. Matres away from the line Karshew shot past the post.

Only three minutes later City scored. A cross by Muller found the head of Barnes who flicked the ball to the far post. It appeared that Bobby McPherson had the ball covered but in attempting to hook the ball away he completely missed it, giving an unexpected opportunity to John Stevenson. Blacklock came out of goal but Stevenson cooly lobbed Melita's goalkeeper to give his team an early equaliser.

Melita continued to attack, despite the setback, and forced six corners in the space of seven minutes midway through the first half but to not avail. In fact, City had another chance in the 28th minute after a brilliant solo run by Watson. Baiting Melita with ease, Watson squared the ball for Allan Karshew, but the unfortunate 'make-shift' striker missed the ball with the goal wide open.

Another chance fell to Hilton Silve

with five minutes to go in the first half.

Stevenson combined with Watson on the right flank before crossing the ball to the far post. Richard Yarnline went for the ball but it sailed over his head. A bewildered Silve on the knee and bounced straight into the arms of Blacklock.

Melita was not without a chance in this half, in fact it was Parker who scored in the 38th minute only to see the linesman's flag go up, indicating Parker was in an offside position. Melita supporters protested loudly but to no avail.

Was it a goal?
No, definitely not!
Was it a penalty? No!
Let me recall the incident. Billy Griffith ran some 20 metres unopposed before being into City's penalty area. One player to beat, and Griffith is in the clear. He manages to push the ball past a Hakohs defender, then tries to run around him. At the time Griffith thought the ball past a defender. Parker is offside, but Griffith is still going for the ball. The Hakohs defender seems to put his toe in the way of Griffith and the young flanker sprawls in the area.

The first offence that took place in the area was obviously offside and I, like so many people at the ground, fell for the 'more obvious' foul on Griffith, thinking that Melita should have been given the 11-metre kick.

Despite the setback, Melita appeared to have the measure of City and continued to press in the second half. Billy Griffith ran well in the 50th minute to cut through City's defence, but Pezzano anticipated well, came out and dived desperately to save the shot.

21st. Nine minutes after the restart, City managed to venture into Melita's half one of the rare second half counter-attacks. Hilton Silve crossed.

So, imagine my surprise at the attitude of their overwhelmingly Melita fans, who chose to ruin the occasion and leave a bitter taste in the mouths of all true sportsmen and women with their behavior after the final whistle and throughout the presentation ceremony.

Bad enough to jeer and boo when one of soccer's best, and certainly its longest standing sponsor, Ampol Petroleum, sends one of its executives out to present the trophy.

However, it was even worse to hear the constant stream of foul, racist invectives hurled at Sydney City officials and players by crowds of Melita 'supporters', including family groups of husbands, wives and their young children.

To use some poetic licence, one can presume that the family which hates, together, stays together.

So, what is to happen to the Ampol Cup if it is to regain some of its former standing as a major competition in NSW?

For starters, the Cup must be chopped from its present bloated size.

It is bad enough to see some of our top teams playing in pre-season form, but when clubs like Resvies Workers and Kuringai are also thrown in for good measure, the whole thing becomes just a bit too much to bear at times.

Add to this the expansion of the programme into the daytime mid-summer heatwaves of January and February - necessitated by the avalanche of fixtures and you end up most of the time with little better than glorified trial matches at highly inflated admission charges in ludicrous climatic conditions.

Not to mention a song about this, but even mad dogs stay away from this kind of foolishness.

I would suggest restricting the Ampol Cup to PSL clubs and the top teams in the State League, with all matches played at night.

There's no reason why this couldn't be done; in Victoria, 12 clubs competed for the Ampol money this year, while South Australia had eight teams only.

Such a system would be fairer to the players, coaches, the sponsor and, of course, the sadly ignored soccer fan.

Presently, 'Mr Soccer Fan' seems not to figure in most of our administrators' calculations, although soccer - like all other professional sports - is touted as entertainment.

The NSW Soccer Federation will simply have to pull its pants up if it is to be taken seriously as a promoter of the game in Australia.

NSW AMPOL CUP

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Terry Smith managed to get his head to it and the ball flew to the far post for Steve O'Connor to dive and head it just inside the post.

Melita attacked furiously for the next 25 minutes and managed to create a couple of opportunities. In the 72nd minute, Colin McIsaac laced past Ian Souness before crashing a fierce drive towards City's goal. Pezzano saved well but could not hold the ball which fell at the feet of Din Allen. The Melita forward missed the ball at his first attempt and City's defence swarmed to clear before Allen could have another go.

In the 76th minute, Allen, with his back to Pezzano used a backheader that could have gone anywhere, but luckily for the City keeper landed right in his arms.

3:1 With 12 minutes left, City countered swiftly down the right. The ball came to Murray Barnes some 12 metres from the line and at an angle. However, it proved no disadvantage for City and Australian midfielder as he crashed home a fierce shot that left Blacklock helpless.

City could have gone further ahead with five minutes of the game remaining. Joe Watson managed to go past one defender before crossing to Ernie Campbell at the near post. A glance by Campbell saw the ball rebound off the post with Blacklock beaten again.

It would have been a good goal but hardly a fitting finish to a game which produced little that could be called 'Cup football'.

City took chances and that proved decisive. Gerry Chaldi, City's coach, was not a happy man after the game. A quiet, almost gloomy atmosphere in City's dressing room did not resemble a winner's shed.

Chaldi was happy with the result. 'It is nice to win, particularly in a Cup final. We did not play well, but I cannot blame my boys since our loss to Adelaide City was only a few days ago and it is still fresh in the players' minds. But we scored goals and that is heartening before our game against Marconi,' said Chaldi.

'My boys played well in midfield and up front, but unfortunately we gave away easy goals and you don't do that in a Cup final. Congratulations to Chaldi and City, was a fair comment by Real Blanco who saw his team for the second year in the row lose in the final.

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ST GEORGE: Coe 7, Rendell 6, Pagger 7, Holmirk 7, Dale 8, Keith 7, Groome 6, Barton 7, Duarte 6 (Mardnez 45 - 6, Acosta - 60'), Kay 6, Henaman 7.

St George fielded a complete reserve team for the introductory game, or 'the play-off for third place' whichever you prefer. With so many youngsters in the team, St George surprised APIA in the opening minutes with some nice attacking moves.

In the fifth, Nigel Groome the Everton player, raced through the middle, then crossed for Henaman, but the shot by the St George flanker was well anticipated by Richards and headed away for a corner.

In the 11th minute Ky crossed for Henaman but a defender was misdirected, giving Woodhouse an easy ball.

APIA gradually took charge of the proceedings and could have gone ahead in the 29th, but for a terrible miss by Ken Reed.

1-0 Only three minutes later Reed made amends after a miskick by Vernon. The speedy APIA winger attempted a shot from the edge of the area, the ball flew to Reed who blasted it in from some 10 metres away. The ball ricocheted off a St George player before nestling in the far corner and away from Coe.

In the 32nd minute Reed appeared to have been held in the area and Henry Witzke had no hesitation in awarding a penalty to APIA. Carruthers scored and APIA was on the way to their first win in many weeks.

Pagger was another player to go into the book in the 76th for some aggressive tackling on APIA forwards. He got in the way only two minutes later and a clearance by Mickey Rendell bounced off Pagger into the net to give APIA its third goal.

APIA, won by three goals but I am sure that Jim Adam could not be happy with his team's performance. With the opinion of Richards, who is looking better each time he gets on the park and the old lion, Peter Wilson at the back, one could hardly find a player who attempted to give St George the hiding they should have got.

Fielding a complete reserve team, Joe Chaldi might even feel disappointed after the 0-3 defeat, for there was never that much difference between the two teams on the park.

A flat affair

Sydney City, one of the best clubs in Australia, has celebrated yet another win, after defeating Melita in the Ampol Cup final at the Sports Ground.

Celebrate they did, but with a glass of soft drink in a dressing room which resembled anything but the winner's dressing room!

With all due respect to the hierarchy at Sydney City, I must say that this would be the first time in the history of the Ampol Cup that a team failed to fill the cup with 'bubbly' after winning the trophy.

One of the players, bitterly disappointed with the gloom in the winners' room, asked Gerry Chaldi about the champagne. 'Nothing to do with me,' came the answer, but this obviously failed to appease the disappointed player.

While one might be upset over the fact that the champagne was not there, surely the players did not expect the coach to carry it or make arrangements to have it delivered.

The Ampol Cup final at the Sports Ground did not have the spirit of the cup finals of the past. The attendance was poor and mainly consisted of hardened Melita supporters whose singing kept us awake.

Why was it so badly attended? Let's be honest about it. 9.15 pm as starting time for a Cup final, would not be allowed anywhere else, let alone considered as reasonable.

The play-off for third place put the game back some 90 minutes. But here again we discover an anomaly. Our Ampol Cup is played along the lines of the World Cup, with qualifying groups, quarters, semis and of course the playoff for third place.

While one can understand the reasons for having a play-off in the World Cup (after all one would like to know whether Brazil or Italy is the third nation in the World) it is difficult to establish what the St George - APIA game was supposed to achieve.

The programme for the Ampol Cup final suggested that three games would be played, starting at 5.45 pm. If by some chance the first was to finish in a draw, they would have to play an additional 20 minutes (the game finished 1-0).

The fact that the following day was a working day, just adds to the theory that people wanted the game to finish at a reasonable hour, so they could get some sleep before going to work. ALEX VESIC

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This week's Match: v **MARCONI** at Marconi Stadium
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GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd.,
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COLOURS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.



This week's Match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at Olympic Park (No
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COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

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This week's Match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle
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SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.



This week's Match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at Marconi Sta-
dium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

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SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus (03) 211 1247

MANAGER: D. MacLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White



This week's Match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at Middle Park
(Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE

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GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: J. Gelei.

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



This week's Match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at St George Sta-
dium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.



This week's Match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at Hin-
dmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratten Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: epatra



This week's Match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park
(Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: J. Adam.

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe.
Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.



This week's Match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at
Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344

(Mornings).
663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW
Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods and City Ford.



This week's Match: v **ST GEORGE** at St George Stadium
(Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.